



## **FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

### **Coordination Through Cooperation**

Spring Meeting, May 2, 1986  
Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee  
Tallahassee Hilton - Tallahassee, Florida

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman McConville. An invocation was given by Ted Carlson, followed by the salute to the flag and self-introductions. Mr. McConville welcomed members of the Georgia Utility Coordinating Committee who had been invited by the FUCC to attend in order to further utility coordination between the two groups. At the absence of Secretary Roswell Sherling, Vice-Chairman Mike Flanery read the minutes from the February 7, 1986 meeting which were accepted as read.

Mike Flanery presented the report of the steering committee which had met the previous day. Standards for fiber optic installations proposed by the National Utility Contractors Association were discussed. Information regarding fiber optic repair procedures and costs should be brought to the August FUCC meeting and a fiber optic safety presentation should be made in the near future. Pat Cassalia will be assembling information on jack and bore equipment. It was agreed that a registration charge of \$10.00 would be made for the August meeting to cover additional anticipated expenses.

#### Subcommittee Reports

**Contract Construction Time Task Force - Ken Brown**  
The report presented at the Miami meeting is still being revised.

**Private Facilities Task Force - Dennis LaBelle**  
A meeting was held April 17. Recommendations being considered are that any private facility in the public right-of-way must join a "One Call" number system (systems will soon cover the entire state), facilities must be locatable from the surface, they must be covered by a maintenance contract and insurance protection. The definition of a private facility is being refined. Action plans include developing a sample permit and record keeping procedures, probably through the DOT.

**By-Laws Subcommittee - William Garrett**  
Copies of new By-Laws were distributed. Chairman McConville thanked Bill and his committee for the excellent and hard work they put into this difficult task.

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Seminar Subcommittee - Jim Dunning

Outlined plans for the FUCC/IRWA Chapter 26 Joint Meeting.

Green Book Advisory Committee - Ted Carlson

Dave Bullard of the FDOT will call another meeting and needs additional time to compare the current draft with ASHTO Specifications.

Utility Accommodations Guide - Ted Carlson

The Committee has met regularly each month. External influences have caused problems with the "attachment to structures" section; hopefully final report will be ready for August meeting. Revising of jacking and boring supplement is responsibility of Chet Grimsley of the FDOT as well as re-write of the remainder of the guide. Ted asked that requested changes to the Utility Accommodations Guide be given to him in writing, referencing the page, section, paragraphs and suggested wording.

Interest Group Reports

Power Group - Eduardo Garcia

Twenty-one in attendance from 9 utilities. All items brought up at the meeting have previously been discussed at this meeting.

FDOT Group - John Gardner

John is the new FDOT representative to the FUCC. The group discussed expediting contract handling within the DOT, tree trimming and cutting underbrush.

Underground Group - Pat Cassalia

A number of items were discussed including jacking and boring procedures and equipment, and discussion with representatives from the Georgia meeting regarding utility coordination in Florida and Georgia. Dick McConville thanked Pat and the Tampa Utility Group for hosting a hospitality room on Thursday night.

Telephone Group - Tom Duggar

Twenty-four were in attendance. Met jointly with "One Number" call system. Discussed the Utility Process Task Force. A presentation on pole identification systems was given and recommended standards for fiber optic cable installations were also discussed.

County/Municipality Group - Chairman McConville stated the group will be rescheduled to meet in St. Augustine in August.

John Gardner introduced Louis Songer, FDOT, Deputy State Construction Engineer for Operations. Lou spoke on construction contract claims -- attitude towards them, what they are, their causes, who they effect and how to avoid them. There are many more claims being filed as a result of many causes and it is imperative we prepare early to avoid them.

Dick McConville introduced Bill Ball and Jim Ansley from the FAA Office of Planning and Programs, who provided a very interesting program on the Federal Aviation Agency's Aircraft Control System located near Jacksonville. Presentation concentrated on how diggings and other damage to the communication system can endanger lives and property hundreds of miles away.

Dick McConville announced that Don Kennedy is retiring and wished him well from the entire group.

Larry Shepherd, Chairman of the Georgia Utility Coordinating Committee expressed appreciation for the FUCC cooperation and invited all to attend the meetings in their area in the future. Larry Hand, Chairman of the International Liaison Committee of the IRWA, who is a member of the GUCC, added that Florida is the model for the U.S. for this type of coordination and Liaison.

Treasury Report - Mike Flanery reported that there was \$162.00 remaining from expenses from the Miami meeting and 71 registrants paid today for an additional \$355.00 with expenses still to be deducted. Mike thanked Tom Duggar for the valuable assistance he gave in setting up the meetings at two separate hotels, and to Claudette Campbell and Larry Shepherd for hosting a luncheon for the FUCC Steering Committee on Thursday.

There was no old business.  
There was no new business.

Dick McConville introduced Jan Klatt who announced that Governor Graham has proclaimed the week of July 13 through the 19 as "Call Before you Dig". Florida is now entirely covered by "One Call" systems. Support of all Utilities is needed as much as their dues.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Flanery  
Vice Chairman  
for Roswell P. Sherling  
Secretary