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# **FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

**Coordination Through Cooperation**

**MINUTES  
MAY 8, 1992  
CLEARWATER BEACH, FLORIDA**

The Spring meeting of the Florida Utility Coordinating Committee was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Carlos Solis with 95 in attendance.

Larry Claxon offered the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Solis called for self-introductions and announced that the FUCC pins are available at the price of \$3.00.

Chairman Solis asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Winter meeting of February 14, 1992, in Tallahassee, Florida. Dennis Black, Secretary, acknowledged that changes have been made to read Winter Meeting instead of Spring, Secretary apologies for the year to be so rushed but if any one has been in the secretary's position understands how this could have happened. There being no further corrections to the minutes of February 14 motions were made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes as corrected and to waive their reading.

## **HISTORIAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Solis called on Mr. Bill Garrett to give the Historian's report.

**Fifty Years Ago - May 22, 1942 Seminole Hotel - Jacksonville - 11 Members - Officers: Chairman - H.V. Street, Florida Power and Light, B. E. Wilkerson, of Seaboard Airline Railroad was Vice Chairman and B. A. Galloway of Winter Park Telephone was Secretary.**

Comments were read about the new specification for railroad crossings. Mr. Green of the Railroad Commission was absent so no discussion was held. A meeting for this purpose will be held later.

Mr. Warth (Southern Bell) stated that there were many new construction jobs for the Army and Navy that must be completed as quickly as possible and maintained with the least possible interruptions. Many phone circuits are now capable of carrying fifteen or more conversations instead of just one. Also, in outlying areas there are aircraft warning observation posts that should not be interrupted under any circumstances.

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The committee agreed that when crossing over any phone lines the crossing company will exercise all precautions and notify the phone company. It was pointed out that proper clearance between power lines and phone lines is four feet. This distance is necessary to enable the phone men to ride their carts on their cables without too great of a hazard.

The meeting adjourned for lunch given by Mr. Warth of Southern Bell.

**Twenty-Five Years Ago - May 5, 1967, Quality Courts Motel - Orlando, Florida.**  
Attendance: Power 19, Phone 16, Water & Sewer 1, SRD 6, and Public Service Commission 3, Gas 3, Contractors 2, Scrap Dealers 4, total 54.

Chairman Broome reported on the efforts to amend Florida Chapter 822.10 and 205.47 to help control the problem of the theft of copper wire.

Several representatives of the scrap industry including their legal counsel representing their trade association appealed to the committee for support in modifying the proposed legislation.

Mr. Bill Miller of the SRD anticipates the first version of the Accommodation Guide will be ready by August for this committee's review.

House moving and driveway permits were discussed along with road way lighting and bridge attachments.

Mr. Sam Gray of the Florida Power corporation is retiring in the near future so a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to appoint him as an honorary vice-president, emeritus in hopes that he will remain an active member of this committee.

Following lunch the members were given a tour of the Windermere Repeater Station on the Boston to Miami cable.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Chairman Solis called on Vice-Chairman Mark Sweet to give the Treasurer's Report:

Balance carried forward from August 2, 1991	\$140.80
<b>Receipts</b>	
February 14, 1992, meeting registration 95 in attendance at \$5.00 each.	475.00
Sale of Lapel Pins 75 x \$3.00	225.00
<b>Expenditures</b>	
August 2, 1991 Audiovisual Equipment	(235.15)
Lapel Pins (150)	(258.00)
Miscellaneous: Tags, Pens, Etc.	(5.84)
Balance as of May 8, 1992	\$341.81

## **FDOT UPDATE**

Chairman Solis requested a FDOT Update from Mr. Jerry Sasser.

Jerry Sasser, State Utility Engineer stated that the FDOT is looking as Accommodation Guide and that Dennis Labelle, Florida Power and Light will elaborate on the Accommodation Guide later on in the meeting. FDOT hopes to promulgate to get the Accommodation out for renew ladder part of May if there is not a lot of comments from utility companies.

FDOT is looking into automation, Jerry suggests that utilities start looking into automation such as C.A.T. System, etc.

Chairman Solis called on Jeff Rodgers to give an update on the One Call Non Profit Corporation By Laws and answered questions from group.

Chairman Solis and Jeff Rodgers encouraged the membership to be prepared to discuss this issue at the meeting in St. Augustine for a possible vote. See attached remarks by Chairman Bixler. Need feed back sheets - See attached, please send in with comments.

## **SPEAKERS**

Chairman Solis called on Mark Sweet to introduce the guest speaker.

Mark introduced Harry Brown, Transmission Engineer for Florida Power Corporation. Graduate of University of Florida, College of Engineering, 28 year veteran of Florida Power and he is the resident expert in electro magnetic fields radiation. Mr. Brown gave an excellent presentation on the affects of electro magnetic fields on society today.

## **BREAK**

## **BUSINESS SECTION**

## **FDOT DISTRICT REPORTS**

District I - Walt Childs - 80+ in attendance. Tom Kennedy gave an excellent presentation on hurricane preparedness. Also, District I director gave a report on Production Status.

District II - Buddy Dees - Meeting was held April 24, 1992 at the Holiday Inn in Lake City.

Guest speakers were Ms. Donna Karr with OSHA and Mr. Peter A. Quincy with Florida Power and Light Company. Ms. Karr spoke on OSHA policies concerning trenching and the most common violations cited. Mr. Quincy spoke on environmental permitting activities - The How, When and Why's.

Old and new business was discussed.

Buddy Dees gave a brief run down on the upcoming five year work program.

Meeting was adjourned for buffet luncheon at 12:00 - Noon.

District III - Tom Duggar - Meeting held February 26, 1992, at Chipley, Florida. 73 members at the meeting.

Mr. Freddie Simmons D.O.T. District III, Design Engineer talked about the clear zone on the right-of-way. State Road 59 in Jefferson County was referenced. The district will have to look at each of the projects in the future. Mr. Simmons stated that there was a design meeting going on in Orlando, Florida this week to address the clearing of the D.O.T. Right-of-Way. The minimum 30' clearance has now been changed to 36' minimum from the edge of the traveled roadway.

The Design Department will now be sending out 30% plans for the utility companies to locate there facilities on the plans and return to the D.O.T. for them to add to the project. The 30% plans will have drainage shown and intervals for depth locations will be given to the utility companies. This will be a change in the way this was done in the past.

The D.O.T. will be going Cad Design with Cad tapes - The D.O.T. will send us a Cad tape to use for the location of our facilities, then we will send the tape back to the D.O.T. design.

MR. Alaxon Pitts, D.O.T., District III Safety Director talked about the new work zone levels of training and approved courses.

Mr. Jim Norred gave a presentation on "Work Zone Traffic Control and Safety for Short Duration."

District IV - A. DePrimo - Experimenting on a concept - they are not having a district meeting, we are emphasizing a local meeting. They have a local group in everyone of their counties and are mailing out the departments production and letting lists.

District V - Richard Taylor - Meeting held August 4, 1992 at the Maitland Sheraton in Maitland, Florida with approximately 140 present. Discussed Presentation and exhibit on early pedal power.

District VI - Jim McGetrick - Last meeting was February 28, 1992 in Miami, 55 in attendance. Main speaker was Charles Baldwin. Next meeting scheduled In July or August. Stan Cann is the new District VI Secretary.

District VII - Tom Kennedy, Chairman of the Awards Committee reported that the Verne Brown Memorial Award for FDOT District VII Liaison Person of the Year to Ray Afeld of GTE. Ray has been in utility coordination for 25 years, held offices in two local groups and in the FDOT District I and now in

District VII. Some of the comments that were written about Ray on the ballots were:

- His perseverance and ability to work out effective compromises between utilities and governmental agencies.
- He keeps us all informed and works hard to promote coordination.
- He is dedicated and carries on unselfishly.

First guest speaker was Nick Zembillas - FDOT District Utility Engineer.

District VII Steering Committee was commended for opening the meeting to more than just the utility industry and governmental agencies with inclusion of the consultant industry and contractors. The attendance was outstanding 153 for a District meeting and this far exceeds Fucc statewide attendance level. Nick made available for the meeting attendees, the Department of Transportation Five Year Work Program for Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, and Hernando Counties. A very aggressive work program has been planned and monies have been allocated by the DOT for engineering, right-of-way acquisitions, bridges, highway projects and public transportation. DOT District VII is in the building stage of the work program and after a public hearing the program will be sent to the Governor and the Legislator for adoption.

Other topics discussed were: Joint Project Agreement, Utility Accommodation Guide Update, Submittal of Permits, Utility Manual, Subsurface Utility Locate Service, Directional Boring Update, Utility Location/Survey in the Field, Roadside Hazard Safety Program, Highway Lighting, and Metric Conversion Plan.

Second guest speaker was Bill McDaniel - District VII Secretary of Transportation. Bill spoke about the growth projections for this area and the state are not quite what was projected. There is still a need for transportation facilities. District VII has met the challenge of spending FDOT money more effectively and have delivered 96% of all projects that were promised to the public. The DOT organization has not increased much since 1975 so they compensated with extensive use of the consultant community.

Third speaker was Jerry Poston - Federal Highway Administration, Washington D.C. - he discussed the ISTEA ACT. This act provides transportation funding for the next six years. One of the features of the bill is the flexibility of the Federal Aid Highway Funding can be used for roads and transit. For the first time in history, Federal Aid Highway Funds can be spent to build toll roads.

#### Accommodation Guide

Chairman Solis called upon Dennis Labelle to give update

Dennis stated that the Accommodation Guide that was or was not adopted in May 1990 has been revised. The Accommodations Guide went through the DOT maintenance office and they put in their revisions. A lot of revisions that were found were negotiated for four years, some have been changed and taken

back to original format. Some of the revisions are good, yet, some of them will cause a lot of problems to the utility industry.

A meeting was scheduled for May 18th at TECO in Tampa, Florida to go over the revision. The comments should have been turned into Jerry Sasser by this time for review, before the 18th meeting.

Dennis went over a few of the changes they are as follows:

- Enhance the definition section
- All of the examples were taken out of the guide
- Index 700 taken out
- Section on how to construct cable across major highways - taken out
- Span guy option for permitting has been taken out

Dennis understands that all of these will go into the user manual that was stated by Jerry Sasser.

Dennis went over a few items that could delay the permitting process they are as follows:

- Before the permit can be approved it must be sent to Historical Preservation Office in Tallahassee for review.
- Before you are able to submit a permit in the past you were to notify all other users of the highway and they had seven days to respond. NOW you have to have written response from all users attached to the permit.
- The approved maintenance of traffic must accompany the permit.

Other items touched on by Dennis Labelle were:

- All underground facilities must have an as built.
- Dirty Dirt Section has been totally revised.
- Responsibility for temporary road patches used to be one year - NOW you are responsible until the road is reconstructed.
- Maintenance of traffic training.
- Underground location criteria has been changed.

#### INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

Underground - Wayne Darden - 21 present. Discussed proposed changes in the Accommodation Guide. Production of a Users Manual by the FDOT.

FDOT will not accept a permit if existing utilities are labeled abandoned. It must say "Placed out of service" and sign an agreement to maintain this structure for ever.

Surveyors using Call Candy for locating utilities.

FDOT requiring "Certified Asbuilts".

**Power - Larry Claxon.** 23 present. Had a wide range of topics. Discussed were: 1. Negotiating with CSX Railroad. 2. Joint Use Agreements 3. Larry suggested we get a speaker in from the CSX to talk about their policies. 4. Discussed Pole Record Keeping. 5. Dennis Labelle gave a update on the 3-R Manual, Green Book, and Accommodation Guide. 6. Update on the 1498 Rule

**Telephone/Telecommunications - Dave Hall.** Eight topics were discussed 1. Utility Accommodation Guide 2. Color Coded Conduit 3. F.D.O.T. Metric Conversion 4. One-Call Organization Subcommittee 5. Joint Use Subcommittee 6. Relocation Agreements 7. Use of limited access right-of-ways and 8. Maintenance of traffic rules and permitting.

**Utility Notification Center - Chuck Sprouse.** Call volume is growing substantially and membership is increasing on a regular basis. Anyone who owns or operates underground facilities is a potential member.

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Joint Use - Betsy Becker -** There has been two committee meetings in this quarter.

**First meeting -** Accomplishments were decided to present the pole ownership identification survey to the committee as a completed project even though response from cable and telephone has been poor.

Compiled a model outline of checklist for at third party attachment agreement. This was also presented to the committee as finished.

**Second meeting -** Will be looking at the following topics as our new project: 1. Model outline of a joint use attachment agreement. 2. Joint Trenching, and 3. Pole transfer coordination and procedures.

**Florida Turnpike Authority - Kate Pietrykowski -** Reported that there was not Turnpike meeting last quarter. Hopefully in the next quarter there will be one.

**CSX/DOT Right-of-way Subcommittee - Tom Duggar -** Passed out a copy of the proposed Rule Chapter #14-105 from the D.O.T. that was received on April 7, 1992 from Jim Myers. This is the rule for the D.O.T. Rail Coordinator Management and Development, which was published in the April 10, 1992 Florida Administrative Weekly. Also, passed out was a copy of the D.O.T. Rail Corridor Management and Development procedure.

On May 5, 1992 C.J. Blanton and Tom met Don Gerteisen and May Ann Koos who are with the Department of Natural Resources Bureau of Local Recreation Services to see a pipe bore in the field. They were very surprised at how easy a operation this is. They are scheduled to see a directional boring job later this week. They would like to see other operations over the state and will be calling on some of you to line up field trips for them. The more we

can help them the more they will be able to understand and help us in the future with their procedures.

**Abandoned Utilities and Asbestos - Arlene Brown McGee.** Gathering information from different companies on what their policy is on Abandoned utilities and Asbestos.

**Utility Color Coding - John Bergacker -** Since the last meeting the committee has not met. John made a motion that the Fucc adopt the policy guidelines recommended by the Color Coding Committee.

Question was asked "Was the wording changed as requested in the proposed policy guidelines submitted at the January meeting" - John stated "yes". There was an extensive discussion on the proposed policy guidelines.

Chairman Solis asked for a vote on the motion - motion carried and John thanked the committee for their support.

**Utility Pole Record Keeping - Larry Claxon -** The committee has not met since last time.

**Agreement Forms - Ed Garcia -** Met in Orlando and had a representative from the Power, Telephone, and FDOT.

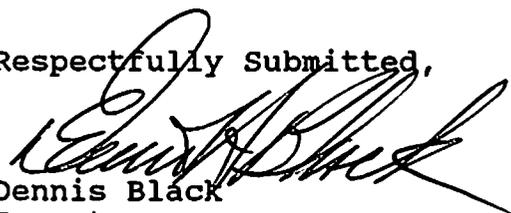
Discussed were the new Reimbursable Agreements and made some tentative changes to be submitted to FDOT for review.

**STEERING COMMITTEE -** See attached minutes from Mark Sweet

Chairman Solis disbanded the Utility Color Coding Sub Committee.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Solis at 11:46 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Dennis Black  
Secretary