

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
FLORIDA UTILITIES CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

HELD AT FLORIDAN HOTEL, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA  
MARCH 17, 1938

Members Present:

W.A. Ceppage, Postal Telegraph Co., Atlanta, Ga.  
J.H. Dowling, State Road Department, Tallahassee, Fla.  
J.K. Galloway, Winter Park Telephone Co., Winter Park, Fla.  
W.F. Girtman, Florida Telephone Corp., Leesburg, Fla.  
Wilkins Linhart, Florida Railroad Commission, Tallahassee  
G.P. McCartney, Florida Power Co., St. Petersburg, Fla.  
E.M. Menendez, Southeastern Tel. Co., Tallahassee, Fla.  
L.O. Newsome, Riverside Tel. Co., Blountstown, Fla.  
E.W. Parrish, Florida Public Service Co., Orlando, Fla.  
W.J. Edwards, for J.H. Rouse, Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co., Jacksonville  
R.M. Temple, City of Tallahassee, Tallahassee, Fla.  
L.S. Terrell, Western Union Telegraph Co., Atlanta, Ga.  
K.H. Williams, Inter County Tel. & Tel. Co., Fort Myers, Fla.  
R.W. Shriner, Peninsular Telephone Co., Tampa, Fla.

Visitors:

Mr. A.E. Stewart, State Road Dept., Tallahassee, Fla.

Member Companies not represented:

Gulf Telephone Co., Perry, Fla.  
American Tel. & Tel. Co., Jacksonville, Fla.  
Gulf Power Co., Pensacola, Fla.  
Florida Power & Light Co., Miami, Fla.  
Tampa Electric Co., Tampa, Fla.

Meeting was called to order at 9:45 A.M. by Chairman McCartney and visitors welcomed.

Minutes of Dec. 3rd meeting were read and approved. Correspondence relating power line extensions on State highways was reviewed and filed. Notice relative to the establishment of two Cooperative Electric associations serving Counties of Alachua, Bradford, Clay, Putnam, Union, Sumter, Lake, Marion and Hernando with allotment of \$435,000 of R.E.A. funds was for the building of 322 miles of line together with power plants, was read and discussed. Some of the Communication Companies were concerned as to the character of the lines that will be built. It was thought that the R.E.A. would require rigid construction standards, however, there was still doubt as to their being maintained, and regarding right-of-ways, especially where one side of the highway was already occupied by private power Companies' lines. The Secretary was instructed to write each of these organizations requesting them to keep this Committee advised as to route construction and extensions so proper coordinating methods may be worked out to the mutual advantage of all.



The state Road Dept. representatives stated they could not be arbitrary in refusing right-of-way permits solely upon objections of other wire using companies. It was brought out that as the Florida Railroad Commission has control over quality of service rendered by Communication Companies, they may be able to discourage such type of construction that would impair communication service.

The interference near Bonita Springs between Florida Power & Light Company's circuits and Inter County Tel. & Tel. Co. Ft. Myers-Miami circuits was reported improved, however, Mr. Williams stated more corrective measures were planned.

Beautification of highways and the effect of trees under Power & Light and telephone lines was discussed with Messrs. Dowling and Stewart of the State Road Department. The Committee was informed the Road Dept. has jurisdiction over the planting of trees and shrubs on highways and in order that the public in general may understand this Mr. Dowling is to give the Associated Press that information so that more complete control may be obtained.


The matter of tall Washingtonians or other palms which cannot be satisfactorily trimmed, interfering with wire lines was discussed. This condition on state roads according to Mr. Dowling can be corrected if the Road Department is consulted and arrangements made for replanting a substitute tree or plant. The State Highway Planning Engineer is available for consultation when necessary.

Mr. Stewart stated that Mr. Harry Lee Baker, State Forester, could very likely be of help to the wire companies in arranging for clearances.

Mr. Dowling made the request that all right-of-way matters be routed thru their Division Engineers in order to save time in the approval of construction requests. He is to prepare a map showing the boundaries of Divisions within the state and send copies to all members. Division Engineers are located at Lakeland, Jacksonville, Miami, Lake City and Chipley.

It was voted to hold the next meeting at Ocala on Friday, May 13th, it being thought the second Friday in the month more suitable than first Friday.

Meeting adjourned at 12 Noon.

  
R. W. Shriner  
Secretary