

FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE

February 1, 1974

Admiral Benbow Inn

Tampa, Florida

The following is a list of persons who signed the attendance sheet along with the companies they represent.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FIRM</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
✓ H. V. Gardner, Jr.	Orlando Utly. Comm.	Orlando, Fla.
✓ A. N. Brockman	So. Bell Telephone Co.	Jacksonville, Fla.
✓ Glen Cock	Tampa Electric Co.	Tampa, Fla.
✓ J. L. Porter	So. Bell Telephone Co.	Panama City, Fla.
✓ D. R. Hallenberg	So. Bell Telephone Co.	Miami, Fla.
✓ Dick Nelson	Fla. Public Ser. Comm.	Clearwater, Fla.
✓ Alan Coates	Peoples Gas	Tampa, Fla.
✓ Roger P. Coombs	D.O.T., Utility Section	Tallahassee, Fla.
✓ E. M. Salley	Dept. of Transportation	Tallahassee, Fla.
✓ Keith Ellis	Fla. Telephone Corp.	Leesburg, Fla.
✓ Charles Stephens	Fla. Telephone Corp.	Leesburg, Fla.
✓ T. J. Feeley	Fla. Power Corp.	St. Petersburg, Fla.
✓ F. W. Zander, Jr.	Fla. Power Corp.	St. Petersburg, Fla.
✓ W. W. Vierday	Fla. Power Corp.	St. Petersburg, Fla.
✓ H. M. Erwin, Jr.	Fla. Power Corp.	St. Petersburg, Fla.
✓ J. Reno Fender	A. T. & T. Company	Jacksonville, Fla.
✓ T. E. Felts	A. T. & T. Company	Jacksonville, Fla.
✓ John C. Funk	A. T. & T. Company	Jacksonville, Fla.
✓ B. A. Kempson, Jr.	Gulf Power Co.	Pensacola, Fla.
✓ R. E. Welch	Fla. Power Corp.	Sarasota, Fla.
✓ Roswell Sherling	Lee Co. Electric	Ft. Myers, Fla.
✓ W. L. Anderson	Dept. of Transportation	Bartow, Fla.
✓ W. C. Holmes	A. T. & T. Company	Gotha, Fla.
✓ Jim Kellermann	Sumter Electric Co.	Sumterville, Fla.
✓ W. A. Fitzsimmons	So. Bell Telephone Co.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
✓ Everett Thompson	Dept. of Transportation	Bartow, Fla.
✓ E. Scott Boggs	J. E. Greiner Co.	Tampa, Fla.
✓ Ron Dillard	J. E. Greiner Co.	Tampa, Fla.
✓ Pop Edwards	A. T. & T. Company	West Palm Beach, Fla.
✓ F. S. (Buddy) Dees	Dept. of Transportation	Lake City, Fla.
✓ B. B. Godfrey	Dept. of Transportation	Deland, Fla.
✓ David Mathews, Jr.	Sumter Electric Co.	Sumterville, Fla.
✓ M. E. Garlotte	Orlando Utly. Comm	Orlando, Fla.
✓ J. R. Lee	United Tel. Co. of Fla.	Ft. Myers, Fla.
✓ W. P. Doyle	United Tel. Co. of Fla.	Ft. Myers, Fla.
✓ W. H. Anderson	Fla. Power & Light Co.	Sarasota, Fla.
✓ Verne R. Brown	Gen. Telephone Co.	Tampa, Fla.
✓ James V. Fyfe	Ohio Bell Telephone Co.	Cleveland, Ohio
✓ Anthony Calvari	City of Ocala	Ocala, Fla.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FIRM</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
✓ N. H. Goodwin	City of Ocala	Ocala, Fla.
✓ Charles W. Matheny	Dept. of Public Works	Tampa, Fla.
✓ A. E. Zimmerman	Dept. of Transportation	St. Petersburg, Fla.
✓ D. F. Johnson	Gen. Telephone Co.	Tampa, Fla.
✓ Don Brant	City of Orlando	Orlando, Fla.
✓ Paul Mundy	Gen. Telephone Co.	Tampa, Fla.
✓ E. M. Williams	So. Bell Telephone Co.	Miami, Fla.
✓ J. F. Siebel	Gen. Telephone Co.	St. Petersburg, Fla.
George P. Orth	Broward City Utly.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
Wade S. Manning	Georgia Power Co.	Atlanta, Ga.
Otis F. Koske	Wisconsin Elec. Power Co.	Milwaukee, Wis.
✓ Bob Foote	Winter Park Telephone Co.	Winter Park, Fla.
✓ Ken Brown	Tampa Electric Co.	Tampa, Fla.

The February 1 meeting was called to order by Chairman, Norton Brockman (So. Bell, Jacksonville) at 9 A.M. with the customary self-introductions.

The self-introductions were followed by the reading of the November 2 meeting minutes. The chairman asked if there were any corrections to which Mr. Pop Edwards (A. T. & T., W. Palm Beach) requested the minutes be amended to show his request for assistance at the August 3 meeting was intended to cover protection of all buried utilities and not just cable as the minutes indicate.

It was also pointed out that Mr. Bill Fitzsimmons (So. Bell, Ft. Lauderdale) was incorrectly shown on Page 4 as being from Plant City.

No further corrections being received, the minutes were adopted subject to the above corrections.

At this time Mr. Roger P. Coombs (D.O.T., Tallahassee) made the following announcements on the district coordinating committee meetings.

Fifth District at the University Inn, Deland, February 14.

Fourth District at Arrowhead Country Club, Plantation, February 28.

First District, not definite, probably late March or early April.

Mr. Verne Brown (Gen. Tel., Tampa) was called on to introduce some visiting members of the International Utility Coordinating Committee and to introduce the guest speaker.

The guest speaker, Mr. James V. Fyfe, District Operations Manager for Ohio Bell, Cleveland, Ohio, Chairman of the International Utility Coordinating Committee and a member of the International Liason Committee; both of which are activities of the American Right-of-Way Association. Mr. Fyfe's subject was "Failing to Plan is Planning to Fail". He had some very worthwhile points to make concerning the need for good planning of right-of-way needs. He emphasized the need for the right-of-way department of each utility to be involved during the preliminary planning stages of any new project. This would reduce the possibility of having to reengineer the project because a vital part of the right-of-way turned out to be unavailable.

It was also very gratifying to hear Mr. Fyfe's complimentary remarks with regard to the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee and its activities.

At this time Chairman Brockman requested a motion from the floor that the officers be granted the authorization to set the date of our August meeting to coincide with that of Chapter 26, American Right-of-Way Association. The motion was made, seconded and passed without opposition.

Chairman Brockman next called for a report from Mr. B. A. Kempson, (Gulf Power, Pensacola) Subcommittee Chairman, Utility Accommodations Guide. Mr. Kempson stated he had nothing new to report and requested Mr. E. Salley (Utility Engineers, D.O.T., Tallahassee) to bring the group up-to-date. Mr. Salley reported the "Guide" had been approved and did exist in very limited supply but additional copies would be made available in the very near future. Additional work load placed on the Department of Transportation, Maintenance Division has been such of late with the speed limit change posting and fuel allocation, it was not possible to produce the "Guide" in quantity as yet. However, as fast as copies are available they will be mailed out to all utilities and municipals probably in the next two weeks. Anyone not receiving a copy by the end of February should make an effort to determine why.

At this point Mr. Salley raised the question of need for showing all utility lines on highway construction plans. This is a report being put together at the present time with input from District Engineers. The cost of showing this additional detail plus the delay in receiving the information from the utilities has raised the question of its worth. It would also make the drawing received by the contractor less cluttered and easier to read. He urged all present to consider how these changes would affect them and to make their wishes known to their local districts.

Mr. Kempson took a moment to express to Mr. Salley the appreciation of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee for the help and cooperation received from the Department of Transportation at all levels over the years in resolving the many areas of conflict. Mr. Salley thanked the group and said he would be happy to take their expression of appreciation back to Tallahassee. He also stated he felt sure a letter of appreciation to the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee would be forthcoming from the Department of Transportation.

Because of the great involvement of utilities during any construction work, a motion was made from the floor that a subcommittee be formed to investigate the influence of omission of utility facilities from Department of Transportation construction drawings. The motion was subsequently seconded and passed. The subcommittee is composed of the following persons.

Ken Brown	Tampa Electric Co.	Power Ind.
Ed Williams	So. Bell, Miami	Telephone Ind.
Bob Corn	Fla. Gas Trans., Orlando	Gas Ind.
Charles Matheny	Dept. of Public Works, Tampa	Municipals
Pop Edwards	A. T. & T., West Palm Beach	Long Lines
Everett Thompson	Dept. of Trans., Bartow	Dept. of Trans.

Mr. Ken Brown was asked to act as temporary chairman for the purpose of calling the first meeting at which time a chairman would be selected. A suggestion was made from the floor that the Florida Road Builders be represented on the committee, however, no name was submitted.

Mr. Crooms stated he understood a meeting of the various district engineers was scheduled in the next week or so and an early response from this committee would be advisable.

Mr. Everett Thompson (D.O.T., Bartow) reminded those present the real reason for considering such a move on the part of the Department of Transportation was due to slow or late return and/or poorly marked up prints being returned by the utilities causing costly delays in producing the construction prints. If the various utilities felt, as was indicated in this meeting, that all utility plant should be shown, then they should help by early returning of the prints marked so they are easily readable by a draftsman.

Mr. Bill Fitzsimmons (So. Bell, Ft. Lauderdale) Chairman, Plant Identification Subcommittee stated he had nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Paul Mundy (Gen. Telephone, Tampa) Chairman, Plant Protection Subcommittee, reported that considerable interest in the one number call system had been shown throughout the state. Mr. Bob Foote (Winter Park Telephone) has been active in mailing out questionnaires to determine interest in the central Florida area. He has gotten a good show of interest and willingness to participating in studying the benefits to be derived from a one number call for this area. This subcommittee is in something of a holding pattern at present having completed its report which was adopted by the full committee at its November 2 meeting. However it remains ready to assist any area in the state interested in setting up such a system.

Mr. Verne Brown (Gen. Telephone, Tampa) pointed out that the original House Bill 1772 requiring 48 hours notification by all excavators made the one number call system an acceptable method of notification. However, the most recent version has deleted this method. This deletion would require each utility and each excavator to keep explicit records of calls in the event there is damage subjecting the excavator to possible fine and/or litigation. Otherwise the bill is generally acceptable. There are, however, portions

of the bill which need clarification and the penalty clause seems to warrant toning down. Mr. Ernest Salley stated that approximately two years ago a recommendation had been made to the Department of Transportation design section to put a list of all utilities and their telephone numbers on the first sheet of the construction drawings along with the telephone numbers for fire, police and ambulance services. To date no response has been forthcoming. Mr. Salley said he would check on the proposals again when he returned to Tallahassee and inform Chairman Brockman of his findings.

After further discussion Mr. Glen Cock (Tampa Electric Co.) made a motion a subcommittee be formed to study this bill. He felt its passage should be coordinated with the implementation of a one number call system as the only workable means of notifying all utilities of pending excavation and maintaining the necessary records. This subcommittee should make recommendations for other changes which it feels are necessary to produce a workable bill. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

The following persons were named to this committee:

W. H. Anderson	Fla. Power & Light, Sarasota	Power
Ken Brown	Tampa Electric Co.	Power
Don Hollenberg	So. Bell, Miami	Telephone
Verne Brown	General Telephone, Tampa	Telephone
Vic Gardner	Orlando Utilities	Municipals

No further names being submitted, the above named persons were elected without opposition. Mr. Ken Brown was again asked to act as temporary chairman for the purpose of calling the first meeting at which time a chairman will be selected.

Mr. Verne Brown, Chairman of the Color Code Subcommittee, reported he had submitted its final report as no work on a national level is being done. He also reported that the Space Allocation Subcommittee had received information from approximately thirty chapters of the American Public Works Association as a result of their field investigation into the various ordinances and statutes covering utility space allocation with much more input expected. He stated he would prepare a summary when the rest of the findings were in for presentation at some future meeting.

Chairman Brockman called for any other old business to be brought before the committee. None was forthcoming.

Under new business Chairman Brockman stated he felt a large vote of thanks was due Mr. Verne Brown for his work in connection with the State of Florida Liason Structure Report.

Mr. E. Salley was asked to mention any new legislation which may be of interest to the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee. He stated that House Bill 2355 being resubmitted by Representative Lockward has been submitted at least four times in the past. It deals with Statute 338.19. This statute requires the utility using public right-of-way to relocate at the utility's expense. The rewrite would make some changes in the compensation coverage and should be thoroughly reviewed if passed to determine how it would affect each utility.

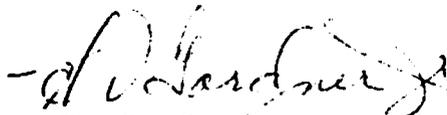
Chairman Brockman called on Mr. Verne Brown to bring the committee up-to-date on a proposed merging of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee with the American Right-of-Way Association. Mr. Brown explained that considerable interest had been shown for such a move and in fact the idea was not new. The merger would be done in such a way that the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee would not lose its identity, one which has existed since 1932. The benefit would be to reduce travel and time away from their jobs since a large number of the committee are also members of the American Right-of-Way Association. This would also provide an even closer liason between these organizations providing a more united action in areas of common interest. No action was requested from the Chair on this matter.

No further business coming from the floor, Chairman Brockman expressed the appreciation of the group to Mr. Ken Brown for Tampa Electric Company's sponsering this meeting.

Mr. George Orth, Membership Chairman, Chapter 26, American Right-of-Way Association asked if he could take a few minutes before adjournment to make some comments regarding realistic planning in the Broward County area and how the Planning and Zoning Board works long and hard to maintain good planned development.

The meeting was adjourned following Mr. Orth's remarks.

Respectfully Submitted


H. V. Gardner, Jr.
Secretary