

FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING  
COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES  
ORLANDO FLORIDA  
AUGUST 13, 1943

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The regular quarterly meeting of Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee was held at the Fort Gatlin Hotel, Orlando, Florida, August 13, 1943. Those present follows:

J. G. Buckels	Wilkins Linhart
R. S. Davis	Stanley Warth
B. A. Galloway	B. E. Wilkerson
W. F. Girtman	P. H. Wright

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Galloway at 10:30 and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved without corrections.

BUSINESS CARRIED OVER FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Chairman requested a report from the Secretary on the results from the return-card survey ordered at the May 14, 1943 meeting at Lakeland. The report showed that 16 of 20 cards sent out had been returned with notations to the effect that a majority were very much interested in the activities of the Committee, desired to remain on the membership roster and to receive the minutes and meeting notices. Most return replies indicated the manpower situation and transportation difficulties as the only reasons for their broken attendance record. Mr. Warth suggested, and all present agreed, that we should continue to keep the full membership roster on the mailing list even though it may entail some additional effort on the part of the officers.

The discussions relating to overhead wire crossings over Steam Railroad tracks in the proximity of trestles and pile structures (see minutes of May 14, 1943) was resumed and Mr. Wilkerson stated that he had been unable to obtain a full expression of opinion from other railwaymen nor to obtain their specified requirements for construction of this character. He begged the indulgence of the Committee's patience since the need for cooperation of the maintenance of way men was necessary to get to a full understanding and it was very near impossible to get those interested together at one time, because of the heavy traffic in wartime movement of passengers and freight. In the data gathered so far Mr. Wilkerson stated that one company permitted no crossings within the 1000 ft. end zones and another required 30 feet clearance (2 ft. more than Code) when within the 1000 ft. of an end zone. Mr. Davis inquired how conditions would be met where a grade crossing on a public thoroughfare was to be used for an overhead wire crossing, both being closer than the so-called 1000 ft. limit.

It was the consensus of opinion that the priority of ownership as between Railway R/W and Public thoroughfare would determine the rights in the case, whereupon Mr. Warth expressed the opinion that it would probably be to the best interest of all parties to evolve a workable agreement rather than engage in legal hairsplitting as to priority of rights. Mr. Buckels stated that he had obtained local approval for a 30 ft. crossing and upon submitting for formal approval to the Engineering Department of the Railway Company they had requested a clearance of 56 ft. Mr. Wilkerson stated that he would be compelled to have more time to go into the matter further and that he would report his progress at subsequent meetings.

Mr. Linhart reported that the structure conflict discussed briefly at the May 14, 1943 meeting had been worked out to the entire satisfaction of his Company, by the two electric supply lines taking the one side of a highway where their fault currents and bastard harmonics could commingle merrily along while his decibels, milliamps and burnt beans attended strictly to their business of War Production, gossip and other defense activities.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Telegrams and letters of regret were received from Mr. Allan Wright and Mr. E. M. Menendez upon their inability to attend.

No notices of intent to construct were received during the past quarter.

#### NEW BUSINESS

No new business to be brought before this meeting, and as aptly suggested by someone present "This either presages the calm before the Storm" or else "Busy hands find no time for trouble".

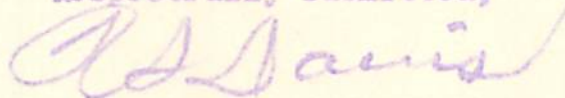
#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chairman called for nominations of officers for the ensuing year. Mr. B. N. Darlington, Transmission Plant Engineer for the Peninsular Telephone Company, was nominated by Mr. Warth and seconded by Mr. Wilkins Linhart. The move to close nominations by Mr. Girtman was seconded by Mr. P. H. Wright. The call for the vote was unanimous. Mr. J. C. Buckels, City Manager of Kissimmee, was nominated for 2nd Vice President by Mr. P. H. Wright and seconded by Mr. Girtman. The nomination was moved closed and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Galloway retires as Chairman and the Secretary succeeds to the job. The Chairman was given a vote of thanks for the fine manner in which the duties of office were handled by him during the past year.

The suggestion of Mr. Werth that the next quarterly meeting be held in Jacksonville on Friday, November 12, 1943, at a place to be designated in the next meeting notice was accepted. Those intending to come on foot should pack their bandana handkerchief and start about the first full moon in October - and highways are crowded too.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and Mr. Galloway introduced the guest speaker Capt. Jno. R. Burger of the A.A.F.S.A.T., recently of North Africa and now instructing in the Bombardier Classes at Orlando. The talk was most entertaining and the choice was an excellent one on the part of Mr. Galloway. A very fine chicken dinner was the curtain ringer, but "Seagrams Ancient Age" took, at least, three bows at the grand finale.

Respectfully submitted,



R. S. Davis, For the Secretary  
FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE

RSD/MR

Mr. Menendez :-

9/4/43

Rec'd your very thoughtful letter and the little incident with the weather must have been aggravating. Hope you and Mr Seward both can make the one in Jax on Nov 12<sup>th</sup>

