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FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING  
COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA  
FEBRUARY 12, 1943

The quarterly meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee was held at the Seminole Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida, February 12, 1943. A list of those present follows:

S. H. Burke	Stanley Warth
R. S. Davis	B. E. Wilkerson
B. A. Galloway	Keneth Williams
W. F. Girtman	Allan Wright
A. N. Seward	P. H. Wright

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Galloway at 10:00 A. M. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary and approved as read.

CARRY-OVER BUSINESS

Mr. Girtman reported that the revised crossing specifications, part two pertaining to the construction and maintenance of electric light and power lines crossing the tracks of steam railroads, was about ready to come off the press and that they were hopeful that copies would soon be in the hands of members.

Mr. Galloway reported that he had met with Messrs. Faraon and Ownby of the Florida Public Service Company, with a view to working out some mutually satisfactory method of making the present joint construction safer for the duration, or until the restrictions on the use of critical materials has been lifted. The case in conflict is between the Winter Park Telephone Company and the Florida Public Service Company and had it's original discussion at the 4th quarter meeting in Orlando, November 21, 1941, and again at the subsequent 1st quarter meeting at Daytona Beach, February 20, 1942. Mr. Galloway stated that the conditions of safety are being met, in part, by the terminal boxes on open iron routes being extended and the revamping and grouping of service drop wires to eliminate the multiple hazards.

CORRESPONDENCE

Several notices of intent to construct power and communication lines were read and placed on file.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Warth made inquiry regarding the practice of power companies placing meters on joint use poles. The only power supply men in attendance represented the Florida Power & Light Company, who does not practice the placing of secondary meters on joint used poles and where it is necessary to place primary meters on such poles the matter of clearance is usually worked out in advance by the field men of both companies. Mr. Warth expressed a desire to have information from other companies having to deal with this problem in order that his company may benefit from their experiences.

Mr. Burke brought up the matter of bad clearance conditions, bare secondary, service drop contacts and inverted crossings involving the AT&T Co. long lines. It was pointed out that, during these critical times they considered it of vital importance to keep uninterrupted traffic flowing over such lines. Mr. Burke seemed to think that WPB rulings on the use of critical materials for maintenance and repair was still elastic enough to permit the correcting of the majority of these conditions. It was brought out in this discussion, that the worst conditions existed along the east coast and particularly in the vicinities of New Smyrna, Fort Pierce, Lake Worth and Homestead.

Mr. Girtman suggested that members, each take a copy of a previous meeting notice and scratch such names as are now not longer interested in services represented by the committee, mail these lists to the Secretary together with the names of persons succeeding to these positions, in order that the roster may be brought up to date.

The attention of the Secretary was called to the omission of Mr. A. B. Greene's name from our last notice and all were assured that an unintentional error had been made and Mr. Girtman was asked to convey the sincere apologies of the Secretary to Mr. Greene.

The matter of holding the committee meetings less frequently was thoroughly discussed and those present were reluctant to take any action at this meeting because it was felt that a larger segment of membership should decide on such policies.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Under this heading, there seemed to be nothing requiring prompt attention and thereupon Mr. Warth introduced his guest, Capt. T. J. Borgman of the 1st Fighter Command Headquarters, who discussed the operations of a filter center and especially laid stress upon the need for an understanding on the part of communication companies of the importance of alertness and expediency in getting the messages through. Capt. Borgman explained the intricacies of a filter center within those confines necessary to protect military information. He pointed out that the power supply companies could render valuable service by seeing that the voltage regulation to the outlying Listening Posts (Monitors) were maintained within good limits. In general Capt. Borgman's talk was very interesting.

Because of the need for holding our next meeting near the west coast, the invitation of the Secretary to hold it at Lakeland, Florida, was accepted. The New Florida Hotel has been selected and the date is 10:30 A. M. Friday, May 14, 1943.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Crumpets and tea was enjoyed by all, by courtesy of Mr. Warth.

Mr Menendez :-

Surely hope the little matter that kept you from the Soc. meeting has been fully settled

and that both of them are resting well. Don't forget our Lakeland meeting

Respectfully submitted,

*R. S. Davis*  
R. S. DAVIS, Secretary  
FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING  
COMMITTEE.

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