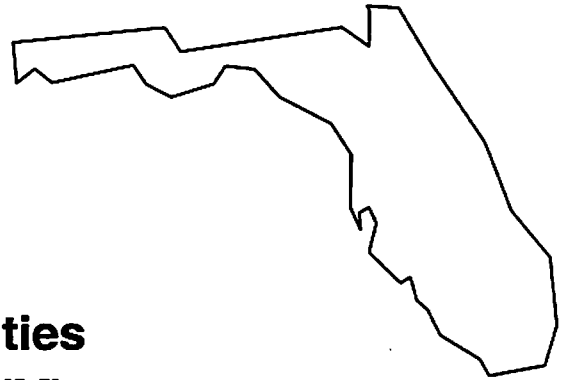


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MEETING MINUTES
November 6, 1998
Clearwater Beach, Florida

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Jerrold Whitt gave the opening invocation and tribute to the flag. Chairman John Jernigan called the Fall Meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee to order at 8:30 a.m. with 107 representatives/members and 5 visitors in attendance.

Paul "Buddy" Bowyer and Ron Worley were recognized for their contributions to the F.U.C.C. and were wished happy retirements.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Charles Easterling

A motion was made by David Pellico to waive the reading of the minutes of the Summer Meeting held in Daytona Beach, Florida, on August 7, 1998. The motion was seconded, and passed by a majority vote.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT – Tom Duggar

Fifty Years Ago – November 12, 1948 – Lakeland Terrace Hotel, Lakeland, Florida
Chairman – V. R. Parrack, Florida Power Corporation
Vice-Chairman – L. G. Zelenka, AT&T Company
Secretary – Arther M. Brown, Florida Telephone Corporation.

Attendance – Telephone 8, Power 8, Railroad 1, Railroad & Public Utility Commission 1, Cities 1, Florida Forest & Park Service 1. Total of 20.

Old Business: The Chairman presented a written report. Subject: The moving of large objects over Public Highways. It was established from this report that common carriers are required to make application to the State Railroad Commission and the carrier will be held responsible to settle all legitimate claims for property damage.

In addition to the above stated operating authority, the carrier is required to obtain from the State Department of Public Safety, a permit either on a monthly basis or on a singular trip basis, where commodities due to their size, weight, height or length exceed that provided for under the general laws of the State. Mr. Williams pointed out that many difficulties were encountered from the moving of houses, drag-lines, etc. of unusual height by persons other than common carriers.

In view of this a motion was made and passed that the Committee direct a letter to the State Road Department upon issuance of a special permit to make movements of objects of a large size or shape along State Roads, notify the appropriate State Highway Patrol office, the Highway Patrol Cooperating with the utility along the route of move.

Twenty Five Years Ago – November, 1973 – International Inn, Tampa, Florida
Chairman – A. N. Brockman, Southern Bell Telephone
Vice Chairman – W. J. Hopgood, Florida Power and Light Company
Secretary – H. V. Gardner Jr., Orlando Utilities Commission

Attendance – Telephone 17, Power 12, Gas 5, DOT 7, Consultant 1, Cities 4, Cable TV 1, Others 1. Total of 48.

Two members who attended that meeting are still active today: Ken Hood and Jim Haynie, both with the FDOT.

Chairman of the Plant Protection Subcommittee made an interesting presentation of information gathered on the recent inspection trip taken by members of this sub-committee to Hyattsville, Maryland and Syracuse, New York to observe their plant protection systems in operation. Slides were used to emphasize the points of interest. A rather lengthy discussion followed concerning the need for such a program. Mr. Pop Edwards with AT&T Long Line requested assistance of the group in putting together a package of cable hazards and protection methods to be used in conjunction with the Committee's report when presenting the recommendation to various groups about the State who may be interested in implementing such a one number plant protection call system.

Mr. Ken Brown reported that he has received communication from Visual Products Corp. concerning demonstrations that had been performed with traffic cones that were internally lighted for night use. Since this Committee is interested in eliminating the old Class B barricade because of its bulk and ease of being knocked over and at the same time the Traffic Control Manual is in process of being revised and reissued in the near future, it would seem

very opportune at this time to consider a product such as the internally lighted cones and possibly incorporate this in the drawings of the revised "Manual". Mr. Brown pointed out that the Committee has produced drawings of urban conditions which created problems and presented them to the Traffic Control Committee in the D.O.T. some time back only to have them rejected. He further pointed out that we were continuing to have problems complying with the Traffic Control Manual and if it were possible to redesign some of the traffic control methods, in particular the elimination of the Class B barricades, certainly we would be in favor of doing this.

The guest speaker from Power-Tel-Utility Sales presented an extremely interesting talk on a recently developed technique for subsurface profiling of buried plant.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Cheryl Ritter

A new account was established in the F.U.C.C.'s name with a beginning balance after the Summer Meeting is \$4,881.13.

Chairman Jernigan recognized Thomas F. Kennedy of Florida Power Corp. as co-recipient of the "Liaison Person of the Year" award.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UPDATE – Ken Weldon

Mr. Weldon recognized Nancy McKown as a new member of his office, and Greg Williams for his efforts with updating the internet forms.

The FDOT is currently working on updating its forms. These new forms will be posted on the FDOT's internet web page. Forms downloaded will be in WordPerfect v6.1 except for the Utility Permit, which will be in WordPerfect v5.1 until after the rule making process has been completed.

- Utility Relocation Schedule (10-98 rev.) has now included a certification statement.
- The FDOT's lighting maintenance agreement is being worked upon.
- Adopted 5-year work program is planned to be on the site.
- Links to other sites will be included soon.
- Utilities will soon be asked to revise their certificate of incumbency forms.

There is a UAM and permit rule-making workshop scheduled for 1:00 PM on Friday, November 6, 1998. The FDOT's intent is to go on December 2 for a final rule change. Should any organization be preparing to challenge, it must be filed within 21 days of the workshop.

A presentation was made to the executive committee, which met on September 16, about advanced utility relocation. Approval is pending funding resources for the selective clearing.

The Joint Participation Agreement research project with Tampa Bay Engineering has been expanded and extended to the end of November. The Report should be available some time in December.

FDOT training will be ongoing.

The FDOT wants to have a new statewide Task Team for the JPA—How to best implement the benefits from the research project. Finalize the JPA handbook and the utility user's handbook. These should be available in the 1st quarter of 1999.

Mr. Weldon will be participating in the next statewide construction meeting, tentatively scheduled for January 1999. Input is needed from the utilities regarding problem issues.

GUEST SPEAKER – Margo B. Hammar – GTE, Assistant Vice President of Government Affairs for Florida and Georgia

Communication and Facilities Management.

Telecommunications Act of 1996—Section 253. Removal of barriers to entry.

- In general—telecommunication companies have the right to provide service
- State regulatory authority—can impose requirements to preserve this right
- State and local government authority—management of public rights-of-way

Municipalities, Incumbent Local Exchange Companies (ILEC), and the FCC all have an interest.

- FCC issues—state and local advisory committees, and Section 253 preemption.
- Municipal issues—preservation of municipal authority, Section 253 preemption, management of rights-of-ways.
- ILEC issues—equal access to rights-of-ways, terms of occupancy.

Chairman Jernigan presented a speaker appreciation award.

Ms. Hammar's PowerPoint presentation can be found on the FUCC web-site with the current minutes.

BUSINESS SESSION

Damage Prevention Convention—Dan Buol

December 2-4, 1998—Atlanta, GA

Sponsored by the Underground Focus Magazine

Next year is planned for Los Angeles, CA, and the following year will probably be in Orlando, FL.

FDOT DISTRICT REPORTS

District I – Jerrold R. Whitt

The District I Semiannual Meeting was held on September 9, 1998, at the City of Palmetto Golf & Country Club. 75 were in attendance. The next meeting will be held in March of 1999, site and date TBA, possibly in Sebring area.

District II – Vince Krepps

A Utility Liaison Meeting was held June 1, 1998 at Holiday Inn, Lake City, Florida. There were 95 in attendance.

During the morning session there were demonstrations on directional boring from Molehead Directional Boring, Palm Coast Vacuum Excavation, Tampa Bay Engineering, and Utiliscope Corporation. In the afternoon session, Vince Camp discussed the 5-year construction plans.

District III – Chris Black

The last District III Utility Liaison Committee was held on August 28, 1998 at the Chuckwagon restaurant in Chipley. Viewed film on traffic safety. Brian Blanchard from District Design gave a presentation on advanced clearing and grubbing to allow utilities to relocate early. Hal Gore, District Utility Engineer, gave an update on utility negotiations performed by consultants. JPA research survey was discussed, as well as an update on the 5-year construction plan. Vince Camp, District 2 Utility Engineer, gave an excellent presentation on suggested improvements on the utility adjustment plans. Freddie Simmons wrapped up the program with an update from the Central Office Design. The next meeting will be held in late February, date and place TBA.

District IV – Rocky DePrimo

The District IV Utility Office continues to mail out its monthly production and letting status report to all utilities involved on highway projects. This past quarter District 4 began mailing final construction plans seven months prior to the beginning of highway construction to involved utilities, hoping to encourage as much advance relocation as possible.

District V—Joe Nero

The District V Liaison Conference is scheduled for January 1999, site and date yet to be confirmed.

New District Utility Engineer, Mr. William (Bill) P. Richards, assumed duties as of October 16, 1998. Bill is replacing Richard Taylor who retired July 31, 1998.

District VI –

No report.

District VII – Hank Humbert

Last liaison conference was held on September 18, 1998. 110 in attendance at the Plantation Golf Resort in Crystal River.

Guest Speakers included:

- Jack King, Dir. of Production, District 7—ISTEA and TEA-21 Bill.
- Mike Coleman, District Project Management Eng.—New 5-year work program.
- John Jenkins and Jeff Lowe—JPA Plans and Preparation
- Jim Haynie and Chris Pecor—Suncoast Parkway projects update.

Golf Tournament sponsored by TBE.

Next meeting will be held in March 1999, date and time TBA, to be held in the Bay area. The format will be more of a workshop format.

TURNPIKE UPDATE – Jim Haynie

All of S. C. Parkway is advertised and/or under construction. Polk Parkway from I-4 to south Florida is scheduled to open Sunday. The SUE contract for the Turnpike will be executed next week. The Design Build Contract for the new district office at Turkey Lake is being advertised.

UTILITY NOTIFICATION CENTER REPORT – Cheryl Ritter

	1998	1997	Inc./Dec.
Tickets	795,553	513,058	19.97%
Transmission	6,438,150	3,263,492	52.19%
Phone Calls	406,988	287,504	12.45%
Speed of Answer	24.70sec	19.75	-
Total Members	506		
Associate Members	81		

Transition Update: New building in DeBary is complete. The new call center will be on-line January 4, 1999.

New web site that will be linked to the FUCC site. Also, the one-call center was recognized in the Underground Focus magazine’s last issue on page 8.

INTEREST GROUPS REPORT

Power – Art Gilmore

Thirty-two members were in attendance.

Topics of discussion:

- UAM—Photos for permits, clear zone definitions, vegetation control
- FDOT exceptions process and approvals

- Directional bore concerns—utilities not locating service connections
- Permit denial when all requirements are met—(political decisions)
- Proposed NESC change—extreme wind loading on poles under 60' in height
- Grounding of adjacent facilities—Tel. & CATV pedestals within 6' of pad-mounted transformers.

Telecommunications – Earl Christian, Bell South
Thirty-four members were in attendance.

Topics of discussion:

- CSX railroad is looking at approving poly-pipe. This could take a while.
- CSX railroad will now allow directional boring under their tracks.
- Low-speed rail in Orlando.
- Draft version of DOT's Subordinate Agreement
- Sunshine One Call's enforcement video will be available soon.
- Problems still exist with the DER in South Florida. Face-to-face communications between parties should be encouraged. The FUCC should look into getting a DER representative to speak at a future meeting.
- Report on the National Joint Use Conference, held in Louisville, Kentucky.
- Tom Kennedy (Florida Power) gave a report on the UAM.
- Topics were discussed for the May meeting's educational seminar: the subject chosen was "Facility's Damage Prevention"—a committee was formed.

Underground – Lawree Washington, TECO/Peoples Gas
19 members were in attendance.

Sunshine One-Call Center Progress Report – Carlos Solis

- New building is complete and an Open House will be held in February.
- Training employees for a January 4, 1999 start-up date.
- Formulating a new grid system.
- In the process of developing new videos for distribution sometime in March.

JPA Survey Update – Steve Tidwell

- Process has been completed and the report has been forwarded to FDOT.

General Discussion –

- JPA Utility Estimate vs. Contractor's Price
- Discussed the relocation schedule.
- Tom Kennedy requested feedback for the UAM workshop on Friday.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

UAM --- Tom Kennedy

The UAM Subcommittee held its second meeting at the fall FUCC conference to review the proposed changes in the UAM in preparation for the rule-making workshop on November 6, 1998. Verbal comments will be given at the workshop with written comments to be submitted at a later date. See Tom if you want to be added to the fax list.

Joint Use -- Mark Sweet

No report.

Electronic Permitting -- Bill Hetherington

Met last month in Bartow with 14 people in attendance. The final presentation of the software and permit process was made, and Beta testing is on going.

FDOT Pay Items -- Carlos Solis

No report.

CADD Transfer -- Jan Sands Ash

Microstation versus CADD suggestions are appreciated.

Conference Planning -- Betsy Becker

- Future meetings:
 - February 1999, Ocala Hilton, Ocala, Florida—please register early
 - May 1999, Jupiter Beach, Florida—annual educational seminar
 - July/August 1999, Marco Island, Florida
 - February 2000, Tallahassee, Florida?
- Sponsors are needed.
- FDOT please use your internet e-mail addresses.

Membership -- Stan Nurnberger

Reviewed responsibility of the Membership and Promotion Subcommittee. Brainstormed ideas for increasing membership. Create a newsletter for getting a broad range of information out to the local UCCs.

Steering -- Bill Hetherington, Vice Chairman

12 members in attendance.

- Authorized the formation of a web-site development committee. Anyone interested please contact Bill Hetherington or Dave Appler.

- Conference Planning—Tallahassee in Feb 2000?, Key West in May 2000?
- CADD Transfer—waiting for FDOT to release 1998 Design Standards.
- Membership—update on development of an FUCC newsletter.
- Dennis LaBelle—emphasized the need for educational workshop opportunities.

Program Planning – Dennis LaBelle

- Program should be on the web-site within next 2-3 weeks.
- Ideas for workshops are needed and appreciated.
- Looking into embroidered collared shirts.

Chairman Jernigan handed out recognition plaques to the following sponsors: Ash Engineering, Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Concrete & Products Association, Florida Power Corporation, GTE of Florida, No Cuts, Tampa Bay Engineering, TECO/Peoples Gas, Time Warner Communications, and Volt Telecommunications.

With no further discussions or comments, Chairman John Jernigan adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting will be held February 3-5, 1999 at the Ocala Hilton.

Charles H. Easterling
Secretary, FUCC

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