

MINUTES OF MEETING
 FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE
 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
 MAY 11, 1962

The regular quarterly meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee was called to order at 10 A.M. with Chairman Ralph Oswald presiding. This meeting was held at the Roosevelt Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida.

An introduction of those present showed the following listed persons in attendance:

R. C. Bannerman, Jr.	Florida State Road Dept.	Tallahassee
A. C. Church	Florida State Road Dept.	Tallahassee
M. M. Noa	Gulf Power Company	Pensacola
L. G. Zelenka	American Telephone & Telegraph	Jacksonville
Pete Reid	Sumter Electric Cooperative	Sumterville
Kenneth Head	Florida Telephone Corporation	Leesburg
Clarence Bethea	Florida Telephone Corporation	Ocala
Duff Matson	Florida Power & Light Co.	Miami
B. L. Griffin	Florida Power Corporation	Monticello
Paul Eleazer	Florida Power Corporation	Lake Wales
Charles Guy	Suwannee Valley Electric Coop.	Live Oak
D. J. Thigpen, Jr.	Sumter Electric Cooperative	Sumterville
C. J. Kellermann	Sumter Electric Cooperative	Sumterville
W. H. Hawkins	Inter-County Tel. & Tel.	Fort Myers
Homer Welch, Jr.	Lee County Electric Coop.	Fort Myers
Ben Darlington	General Telephone Company	Tampa,
Ivon Tilyou	Peace River Valley Electric Coop.	Wauchula
Ralph Oswald	Florida Telephone Corporation	Leesburg
Wilkins Linhart	Florida Railroad & Public Utilities Commission	Fruitland Park
D. A. Schmidt	Florida Railroad & Public Utilities Commission	Miami
Angelo Tabanelli	Southeastern Telephone Co.	Tallahassee
Ken Radekin	Winter Park Telephone Co.	Winter Park
C. H. Bennett	Tampa Electric Company	Tampa
J. M. Pappy	City of Jacksonville	Jacksonville
E. C. Nalle	City of Jacksonville	Jacksonville
R. L. Gittings	City of Jacksonville	Jacksonville
W. H. Anderson	Florida Power & Light Co.	Sarasota
E. M. Salley	State Road Department	Tallahassee
E. J. O'Connor	Florida Power Corporation	St. Petersburg

Mr. Ben Darlington gave a eulogy followed by a short prayer in memory of Mr. Ken Williams, Permanent Vice Chairman of the Committee who recently passed away.

Chairman Oswald welcomed Mr. Al C. Church and Mr. R. C. Bannerman, Jr. of the State Road Department of Florida as guests and asked the group to direct any questions concerning State Road Department matters to them.

Mr. Thigpen and Mr. Tilyou both expressed their appreciation to Mr. Church for the fine manner in which he has set up the coordination of State Road projects with the utilities and contractors. They also expressed their thanks for the expediting of past due reimbursement on various State Road Department projects.

Mr. Bannerman asked for comments from the Committee concerning the present system of coordination of projects now in effect in each of the various State Road Department Districts. The Committee was very much in agreement that the present system is working out very satisfactorily and is of tremendous advantage in completing the various State Road projects.

Mr. Zelenka told the Committee that the American Telephone Company is presently working with the survey crews of the State Road Department in determining the actual cable depths of their company for inclusion in the construction plans.

Mr. O'Connor asked Mr. Bannerman if permit routing was being handled in the same manner in all districts. He explained the situation, whereby, some District Engineers required an answer to the Notice of Intent letters prior to approval of the permit while others required only a copy of the Notice of Intent letter to be included in the permit. Mr. Bannerman explained that there was no set routine in all the districts in determining any conflicts between the utilities on proposed construction on State Road Department projects. He did, however, say that if it was the opinion of the party submitting the permit that there would be no conflict in the construction, then it should be stated in the transmittal letter. This will be an aid in expediting these permits. He pointed out to the group that a number of utilities are providing a form at the end of the Notice of Intent letter which would enable the other utilities involved to merely sign this form expressing no objection to the construction and return it to the party making application for permit.

Mr. Thigpen questioned Mr. Church and Mr. Bannerman concerning subordination of easements. He stated a case, whereby, his company had subordinated an easement to the State Road Department. This easement contained existing facilities of his company. He asked that should the State Road Department widen this road and occupy that portion of the easement that had been subordinated and also requiring the relocation of his company's facilities, would the State Road Department reimburse his company for the relocation of the facilities or would the facilities have to be relocated at the expense of the company. Mr. Bannerman and Mr. Church were both in agreement that should this situation arise that a stipulation be provided in both the subordination of the easement and the agreement for relocation setting forth the terms under which the easement would be subordinated and the facilities relocated.

The Committee then questioned Mr. Church as to the feasibility of eliminating or increasing the voltage limitation as set forth under Item 4 of ORDER GRANTING PERMIT, FORM 121 REVISED. Mr. Church stated that he is perfectly willing to work with the Committee on this matter. He stated that he is not completely familiar with all the ramifications necessary to make this change and

before making a decision would rather discuss this matter with members of his department and the Florida Industrial Commission. Mr. Giddings stated that there is a definite industry trend toward the use of voltages as high as 34.5 KV as a distribution voltage. His company is presently using a distribution voltage in the 25,000 volt class. Mr. Noa stated that his company presently has a 44 KV sub-transmission system that they are seriously considering converting to a distribution system. One of the difficulties in planning this system has been the determination of whether or not this voltage would be allowed within the right of way of the various state roads since presently this voltage requires special permission from the State Road Department.

Mr. Stanley Warth expressed an opinion that since each electric utility will no doubt be using higher voltage distribution, the actual voltage being determined by the economics within their own company, he felt that no stipulation should be made on actual voltage within the right of way of state roads other than the fact that this voltage should be used for distribution and not transmission.

Mr. Zalenka made a motion that a committee be formed to study this matter and submit its findings to the State Road Department for further consideration. This motion was passed by the Committee. Mr. Oswald appointed the following to this committee: Mr. Stanley Warth, Mr. Homer Welch, Mr. R. L. Giddings and Mr. E. J. O'Connor. Mr. Church asked that rather than the committee asking for a hearing in Tallahassee that a letter setting forth the findings and recommendations of the committee be forwarded to the Chairman of the Florida State Road Board with copies to Mr. Church, Mr. Bannerman and Mr. Salley. In this way a study of these recommendations could be made by all those concerned and a more logical conclusion reached.

Mr. Oswald asked Mr. Church if utilities are going to be reimbursed for relocations of facilities along State Road Department right of way where the Sunshine Parkway crosses this right of way. In preliminary meetings with the Consulting Engineers of the Turnpike Authority, he was told that utilities would be reimbursed for any relocation facilities necessary to clear the parkway construction. He had recently received a letter from the State Road Department signed by both Mr. Church, State Highway Engineer of the Florida State Road Department and Mr. H. E. Lewis, Chief Engineer, Florida State Turnpike Authority stating that any conflict with construction of the turnpike extension would be at the expense of the utility involved. Mr. Church stated that there is quite a bit of controversy concerning this matter, and suggested that those utilities having conflicts with construction of the turnpike seek legal advice in the clarification of this matter. Mr. Salley stated that the reimbursement requirements of the Turnpike Authority are set forth in 340 Section .07, Paragraph 5 of the Florida Statutes.

Mr. Angelo Tabanelli invited the Committee to be the guests of the Southeastern Telephone Company at the August 10 meeting to be held in Tallahassee. This invitation was accepted by the Committee.

It is pointed out here as a reminder that this will be the meeting for the annual election of officers for the coming year. Motion was made by Mr. O'Connor and unanimously accepted by the Committee to appoint the two elder citizens of the Committee, Mr. Stanley Warth and Mr. Ben Darlington, as Permanent

Co-Vice Chairmen of the Committee to fill the vacancy created by the passing of Mr. Ken Williams.

On behalf of the Committee, the Secretary would like to express the gratitude of the Committee to Mr. Stanley Warth and the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company for acting as host and providing for the fine luncheon.



E. J. O'Connor
Secretary

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