

FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MINUTES
May 1, 1970
Sokol Beach Motel
Tampa, Florida

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Verne Brown at 9:05 A.M.

Self introductions were made by those present at the meeting as follows:

T. A. Edwards	American Tel. & Tel. Co.	Miami
John C. Funk	American Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville
W. E. Douglas	Dept. of Transportation	Tallahassee
Bruce B. Downs	Dept. of Transportation	Bartow
J. M. Haynie	Dept. of Transportation	DeLand
E. M. Salley	Dept. of Transportation	Tallahassee
Everett A. Thompson	Dept. of Transportation	Bartow
A. E. Zimmerman	Dept. of Transportation	St. Petersburg
Robert H. Corn	Florida Gas Trans. Co.	Orlando
R. H. Againute	Florida Power Corp.	St. Petersburg
H. R. Gaylor	Fla. Power & Light Co.	Miami
Duff Matson	Fla. Power & Light Co.	Miami
R. N. Willis	Fla. Power & Light Co.	Sarasota
R. W. Afeld	General Tel. Co. of Fla.	St. Petersburg
R. Basing	General Tel. Co. of Fla.	Clearwater
Verne Brown	General Tel. Co. of Fla.	Tampa
D. F. Johnson	General Tel. Co. of Fla.	Tampa
B. A. Kempson, Jr.	Gulf Power Co.	Pensacola
C. E. Curtis	Henkels and McCoy	Fort Myers
Fred A. Dunkley, Jr.	Jacksonville Elec. Auth.	Jacksonville
John M. Gross, Jr.	Jacksonville Elec. Auth.	Jacksonville
H. V. Gardner, Jr.	Orlando Utilities Comm.	Orlando
Earl Garlotte	Orlando Utilities Comm.	Orlando
Raymond F. Smith	Palatka Gas Authority	Palatka
Jeffry Rodger	Peoples Gas System	Tampa
Richard Maenpaa	Peace River Electric Coop.	Wauchula
H. A. Bradford	Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Miami
A. N. Brockman	Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville
James Kellermann	Sumter Electric Coop.	Sumterville
O. R. Dewitt	SWFWMD	Brooksville
John Martin	Talquin Electric Coop., Inc.	Quincy
K. L. Brown	Tampa Electric Co.	Tampa
Glen Cock	Tampa Electric Co.	Tampa
Fred Vidzes	Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund	Tallahassee
John F. Clark	United Telephone Co.	Avon Park
E. R. McMart	United Telephone Co.	Fort Myers
R. W. Foote	Winter Park Telephone Co.	Winter Park

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A correction to the minutes of the meeting on February 6, 1970 was made by Ernest Salley. The correction was to be that utilities would have to include their utilities schedule of work on all state road projects effective for the July lettings. The minutes of the last meeting were adopted with the above mentioned correction.

OLD BUSINESS

Overhanging Signs - Kemp Kempson reported that the Department of Transportation Maintenance Department does not issue permits for signs. He further stated that the adoption of the new State Accommodation Guide will help this matter and he will have a report at the new meeting.

State Accommodation Guide - Mr. Glen Cock reported that a meeting was held with the Department of Transportation in Tallahassee prior to our last meeting in Pensacola. At that time the Department of Transportation agreed to accept eleven of the fourteen proposals. A meeting of the subcommittee members and the Department of Transportation representatives was held in Tallahassee with Mr. Jay Brown on March 27, 1970 to discuss the remaining three items which the committee had objections. The following items were resolved as follows:

- (1) Paragraph III A-9 to read as follows:
"Improvements to or a betterment requiring a physical change of existing facilities will require a permit. This does not include routine maintenance or minor segments of an existing utility installation. This provision will allow changes in transformer capacity, wire size of secondary circuits and primary circuits where less than one (1) mile in length is involved, or similar changes where there is no change in the basic structure. However, a permit will be required for any alteration or addition to the utility installation (other than routine service drops) which will cross a roadway either overhead or underground. Normally, it will not require relocation of the existing facility."
- (2) The aesthetics clause of Paragraph IV A-4 was adopted word for word as the AASHO guideline.
- (3) The Set-Back Criteria was adopted to read as follows:
Paragraph IX B - "Primary and secondary roads - 50 miles per hour and over, utility poles, fire hydrants, etc. at right-of-way line. (minor offsets for stand-off insulators, transformers, etc. will be allowed.) Poles may be located up to 6-1/2 feet from right-of-way line provided they are at least 30 feet from edge of through lane pavement and 20 feet from edge of ramp pavement. Not permitted in median."

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Paragraph X B - "Primary and secondary roads under 50 miles per hour, utility poles, fire hydrants, etc. at right-of-way line. (Minor offsets for stand-off insulators, transformers, etc. will be allowed.) Poles may be located up to 6-1/2 feet from right-of-way line provided that they are at least 18 feet from edge of through lane pavement. In curb or gutter section, at right-of-way line or 4 feet minimum from face of non-mountable curb to front of pole. Not permitted in median.

The subcommittee stated to the Department of Transportation that for a matter of record that it was still opposed to the set back criteria, but it is in favor of the adoption of the Utility Accommodation Guide. Mr. Cock reported that a public hearing would be held in Tallahassee on May 4, 1970 and he read a statement which he proposed to be read on behalf of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee at the hearing.

A motion was made and seconded that the statement be read. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Kempson stated that Gulf Power Company was opposed to the set back criteria and desired to have it noted in the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Vern Brown read Senate Bills #6 and #281 and stated anyone desiring a copy of these bills should notify Bob. Corn. Mr. Brown also read a letter from C. J. Kellermann with Sumter Electric Cooperative, Inc. The letter was in regard to occasions the Department of Transportation had transferred title on state road right-of-way to city, county and private parties in instances where such right-of-way has been abandoned, and in some instances this had resulted in a hardship to utilities at this location.

A letter was read from Mr. Ernest Salley regarding roadway lighting and signal installations. The letter stated that the Department's plans from design to construction stage can no longer be reasonably handled without benefit of proper advance coordination with the involved utilities. It would be in the best interest of all parties if some type of joint use agreement could be established together with a uniform method of early contact for the purpose of coordination during the design stage. Vern Brown appointed a subcommittee to act as a liaison between the Department of Transportation and the power companies to establish procedures and recommendations. The following were appointed to the subcommittee:

Chairman: K. L. Brown - Tampa Electric Co.
Everett Thompson - Department of Transportation
Marion Gilliam - Florida Power Corp.

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H. V. Gardner, Jr. - Orlando Utilities Comm.
B. A. Kempson, Jr. - Gulf Power Co.
Diff Matson - Florida Power & Light Co.
George McGory - General Telephone Co.
Bruce Downs - Department of Transportation
Doug Mullis - City of Tampa
Dick Maenpaa - Peace River Electric Coop.

Mr. Fred Vidzes, Director of Land Management Division for the State of Florida Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, presented a talk on the duties and responsibilities of his office. Mr. Vidzes talk was very informative and many of the members were unaware of some of the permit requirements. Mr. Vidzes stated that the permit drawings are to be submitted with the signature of a registered surveyor. Many of the members in attendance objected to this, and a motion was made to attempt to waive the requirement of a registered surveyor. The motion passed.

The nomination and election of new officers will be made at the next meeting. The next meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida, on August 7, 1970. This will be a joint meeting with the American Right of Way Association.

There being no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:45 A.M. An excellent luncheon was co-hosted by Tampa Electric and General Telephone Companies. Appreciation was given to Ken Brown and Verne Brown for the excellent arrangements made for our meeting and luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Corn, Secretary

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