

FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING  
MEETING MINUTES

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

May 22, 1942

The quarterly meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating committee was held at the Seminole Hotel, May 22, 1942. Members present were as follows:

W. M. Bostwick <i>FPL</i>	Wilkins Linhart <i>R.R. COMM</i>
S. H. Burke <i>AT&amp;T</i>	L. S. Terrell <i>WESTERN UNION</i>
R. S. Davis <i>FPL</i>	Stanley Worth <i>SOYBELL</i>
B. A. Galloway <i>WESTERN PK. TEL.</i>	B. E. Wilkerson <i>SEA BOARD RR</i>
R. A. Goodburn <i>FPL</i>	P. H. Wright <i>ATL. COASTLINE RR</i>
Ray Atkinson <i>FLA. FOREST &amp; PARK DEPT.</i>	

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 A. M. by B. E. Wilkerson, Vice Chairman, in the absence of Mr. H. V. Street. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary and there being no corrections, they were approved as read.

Mr. Wilkerson asked for any old business that might come before the meeting. The subject of specifications for Railroad Crossings was brought before the committee for the probable additions and changes that might be put forth in the new specifications. Mr. Worth read several comments that had been received on these specifications. No decision was made concerning these specifications due to the absence of Mr. Green of the Florida Railroad Commission. It was suggested that these comments be withheld until a specific meeting could be called for the purpose of discussing this subject. The committee also expressed their appreciation for Mr. Green bringing this subject to the committee for discussion. The committee agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr. Green expressing their appreciation for his thoughtfulness and cooperation with the committee.

Under the heading of new business, Mr. Worth brought up the subject of new power and telephone construction being conducted over the state. He stated that there being so many new construction jobs for the army and navy, they must be carried out as quickly as possible and after being completed, they must be maintained with the least possible interruptions. Many telephone circuits that heretofore carried only one conversation are now capable of carrying 15 or more. One interruption on any one circuit at this time would interrupt 15 or more conversations rather than only one. He also mentioned that in outlying sections telephone companies now have aircraft warning observations posts, and should not under any circumstances be interrupted.

Frequently, these and other circuits are interrupted by men that do not know the importance of them. Therefore, it was suggested by Mr. Worth and agreed upon by the committee that any further construction, where it is necessary to cross over any telephone lines that such company will exercise all precaution and also notify the telephone company so that they may, if so desired, have a representative to help maintain these circuits without interruption.

Mr. Burke suggested that the power companies check specifications for crossing over and under telephone cables. The proper clearance for the power line from these cables is four feet. The reason for this distance is to enable telephone men to ride these cables on a cable cart. It is very difficult and a great hazard when clearance is less than four feet. A great deal of money has been spent in changing these crossings, after the original construction has been made, to give it proper clearance and a great savings could be made if the proper clearance was made at the time of construction, Mr. Burke said.

Mr. Bostwick brought up the need of attendance of these meetings, as it has been poor at the past few meetings. The committee urges every Utility to have their representative present, as many advantages are secured at these meetings.

Mr. Wilkerson asked for suggestions in connection with the place and date for the next meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Worth that the next meeting be held Friday, August 21, Tampa Terrace Hotel, Tampa, Florida. The meeting adjourned at 12:25 P. M. to a luncheon by Mr. Worth, of the Southern Bell Telephone Company.

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