

FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA  
November 12, 1943

The regular quarterly meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee was held at the Seminole Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida, November 12, 1943.

Those present were:

P. J. Carlin	E. M. Menendez
B. N. Darlington	L. T. Robertson
R. S. Davis	A. N. Seward
E. B. McCartney	A. R. Swanson
Lt. H. Francis	L. S. Terrell
W. F. Girtman	H. R. Turner
R. J. Hopper	Wayne Warfield
C. U. Jellison	J. M. Wasson
E. F. Johnson	B. E. Wilkerson
Wilkins Linhart	Allan Wright
W. H. Mansfield	P. H. Wright

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davis at 10:00 A.M. and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved without correction.

The new officers took charge without fan-fare or ceremony, the chair being given up by Retiring Chairman Galloway to Red Davis, who promptly landed and had the situation "well in hand" in short order.

Business Carried Over From Previous Meetings:

The Chairman asked Mr. McCartney how the situation between his generator at St. Petersburg steam plant, and Mr. Darlington's telephone circuits was at present. Mr. McCartney reported that the trouble had been cleared up with a suitable wave trap inserted in the neutral of his machine to block out the disturbing harmonic. Mr. Darlington added that everything is fine from his standpoint, and was very glad to have this condition cleared up.

The discussion regarding overhead wire crossings over steam railroad tracks in the close vicinity of trestles or pile structures was re-opened and Mr. Wilkerson expressed regret that definite information was still unavailable at this time, but was hopeful of obtaining some ruling as a guide for future constructions of this kind. It is his thought, however, that these problems could be solved to the satisfaction of the parties concerned if they got together sufficiently ahead of time of proposed construction to work them out.

New Business:

Either the Secretary became hard of hearing at this point in the program, or else his notes and shorthand too closely resemble Egyptian hieroglyphics to suffer the fruits of translation.

Chairman Davis then asked the Committee for opinions as to the benefits received or given by the "get together" of the Representatives.

Mr. Mansfield expressed the good done by the efforts of this Committee and similar committees and spoke for continued effort and expansion of membership. He added that through the personal contacts of the representatives of various utilities there was brought about an understanding that could not be obtained any other way.

Mr. P. J. Carlin and Mr. E. F. Johnson added to the boost given the Committee by Mr. Mansfield and stated that things were going very smoothly in their district around Miami; thanks in part to the splendid cooperation received from other utilities.

Along this line Mr. Bill Girtman brought out the origination of the Committee when he and Mr. McCartney were Chairman and Secretary. Mr. McCartney said that Mr. Terrell was very instrumental in getting together the by-laws which, he said, followed somewhat along the line of a similar committee then in existence in South Carolina. Mr. Terrell continued by telling of the good done by the Committee and how difficult jobs were made easy by the close cooperation of its members.

Mr. Terrell was asked if the merger of his Company and Postal Telegraph Company was not a pretty big job. Mr. Terrell stated that many problems had arisen which had to be dealt with and many adjustments made to keep things moving smoothly.

Correspondance:

Letter was received from Mr. Jim Buckels expressing his regret at not being able to attend due to an accident. Jim, it seems, dropped part of a lathe on his foot, and is forced to travel around on crutches for a while.

Mr. Girtman conveyed a message from Mr. Galloway to the Committee. Mr. Galloway was forced to stay away due to illness but hastens to add that "out of office, is not out of circulation" for him.

The Chairman welcomed Lt. H. Francis of the 1026 Signal Company, Leesburg, Florida and invited him to attend the next meeting.

Chairman Davis complimented the efforts of Mr. Stanley Warth, and extended appreciation of the fine arrangements made by him for the meeting.

There being no further business, discussion was opened for place of next meeting which will be Friday, February 11, 1944.

Invitations were extended to the Committee by Mr. E. F. Johnson to come to Miami, and Mr. Allen Wright asked that the Committee come to Daytona for the February meeting. Mr. Bill Girtman seconded the invitation of Mr. Johnson and the vote was favorable.

Chairman Davis in reviewing the transportation problem offered for all those who would assemble in Sarasota the chance of scenic trip across the Tamiami Trail in a ten ton truck.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 after which the members gathered in groups to do a little "jaw waggin", as Red Davis put it.

A most delicious dinner was served at 12:30 consisting of turkey and all the trimmings.

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