

MINUTES OF MEETING
FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE
FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION, LAKE WALES, FLORIDA
MAY 8, 1953

The regular quarterly meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee was held at Lake Wales in the Home Economics Room of the Power Company instead of the Walesbilt Hotel. The meeting was called to order by Chairman G. L. Kenny, Jr. at 10 a.m. Introduction of members present followed. The Committee was welcomed by Mr. A. V. Benson, Division Manager, Florida Power Corporation, Lake Wales. Those attending were:

T. A. Edwards	American Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville, Fla.
Leighton Hester	State Road Department	Bartow, Fla.
M. N. Yancey	State Road Department	Tallahassee, Fla.
John T. Bize	State Road Department	Tallahassee, Fla.
J. E. Swift	State Road Department	Deland, Fla.
J. M. Ethridge	Florida Power Corp.	Haines City, Fla.
B. E. Wilkerson	S. A. L. R. R. Co. (Retired)	Fruitland Park, Fla.
L. S. Terrell	Western Union Tel. Co.	Atlanta, Georgia
Leonard Martin	Fla. Keys Electric Coop.	Tavernier, Fla.
Karl M. Allison	Lee County Electric Coop.	Ft. Myers, Fla.
Dwight H. Hibbard	Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville, Fla.
Ivon Tilyou	Peace River Valley Electric Coop.	Wauchula, Fla.
R. S. Davis	Florida Power & Light Co.	Miami, Fla.
H. Stebbins	Florida Power Corporation	Winter Park, Fla.
H. M. Moore	American Tel. & Tel. Co.	Atlanta, Georgia
L. G. Zelenka	American Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville, Fla.
J. G. Sparkman	Sumter Electric Coop. Inc.	Sunterville, Fla.
S. D. Gray	Florida Power Corporation	Lake Wales, Fla.
Arthur M. Brown, Jr.	Peninsular Telephone Co.	Tampa, Fla.
A. V. Benson	Florida Power Corp.	Lake Wales, Fla.
James L. Munroe	Florida Power & Light Co.	Cocoa, Fla.
G. L. Kenny, Jr.	Florida Power Corporation	St. Petersburg, Fla.
Ken Williams	Inter County Tel. & Tel. Co.	Fort Myers, Fla.

Mr. Allison of the Lee County Electric Coop. thanked the State Road Department for allowing them to increase their voltage along the highway from Fort Myers to Immokalee and Immokalee south. Mr. Sam Gray thanked the State Road Department for placing pole numbers in their notices of intent to construct or widen roads.

Mr. Hester of the State Road Department talked at some length on their new short form Permit 627-1 and 627-2. He also stated that where a Power Company or Telephone Company had an existing permit along the State Road and it became necessary to branch off from that existing line crossing the road, it would not be necessary to get an additional permit. However there was some confusion on this subject as it seemed there was a question of where a high voltage crossing was required, it might be necessary for a permit. Mr. Kenny said that he would furnish the Secretary with the necessary information to clarify this condition.

Mr. J. T. Bize of the State Road Department suggested that on proposed new pole lines, you check in advance with the State Road Department on future plans. Mr. Sparkman of the Sumter Electric Coop. talked on the necessity of advance notice of new roads, or re-routing or rebuilding.

The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Ralph Hartfield, Secretary of the State Road Department to have copies of the 1953 Road Budget sent to all members of this Committee.

Arthur Brown of Peninsular Telephone Company brought up the question of underground cable crossings on State Highways where they already had a permit to operate. Mr. Hester stated that even though you had a permit along the highway for operating a cable, if it

Mr. Monroe of Florida Power & Light Company at Cocoa, Florida asked about what plans the State Road Department might have on State Road #1, Broward County, and was referred to the Division Office by other personnel present.

Arthur Brown reported that the Territorial Maps which Mr. Darlington has been working on for some time are not completed yet.

Mr. Welch, Chairman of a special committee to investigate the planting of trees near Madison by the State Road Department, sent word that this was just a local project and would not be the policy of the State Road in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

Red Davis made a motion to make Mr. Wilkerson a life member of this organization. Seconded by Williams. Mr. Wilkerson at the present time is retired from the Seaboard Railway Company.

Mr. Zelenka of the American Tel. & Tel. Company asked what experience the members present had had with objections from property owners on spraying to kill brush and other foliage. It turned out that no one else present had had any experience with this particular kind of work. Mr. H. M. Moore of the American Tel. & Tel. Company gave a very interesting and instructive talk on their experiences in using chemicals for killing brush and trees under the lines.

MISCELLANEOUS

To the gratification of everyone present, Mr. Sam Gray had a very bad cold and could not sing. Also, that musical instrument of his was very temperamental and the temperature had to be just right before it would work. It so happens that the temperature was not right. But, as pinch-hitters he had two very beautiful talented young ladies from the radio station who played and sang several selections, which from the amount of applause was very much appreciated.

The Committee wishes to thank Sam Gray and Mr. Benson, and others concerned, for a very fine barbecued lunch which they put on in their own kitchen and dining room. They also pulled a "Keytone Heights" on us.

We were all very pleased to have Mr. L. S. Terrell of the Western Union Telegraph Company show up. For a great many years Mr. Terrell was a regular attendant of this Committee and we hope he will again be in the future.

Mr. Darlington was so embarrassed by his failure to have the Territorial Maps ready that he would not come to the meeting but sent Arthur Brown instead. Of course we were very glad to see Mr. Brown.

Mr. Stan Warth being unable to attend due to some other meeting, sent as his "regrets" a very fine young gentleman, Dwight H. Hibbard from the Jacksonville office. It was the unanimous opinion of everyone present that Dwight probably did as good or a better job than Stan would have done and we hope that if, as, and when Stan decides to come back, that he brings his "regrets" with him. There was considerable discussion by all present as to why and what all these meetings were that had kept Mr. Warth from making these Committee meetings recently and it was finally summed up in one word by Mr. Rodney S. Davis -- "blendes".

Mr. Dwight H. Hibbard of the Southern Bell gave a very interesting talk on noise control on 8 party lines where we were joint with the Power Company.

For some time after Mr. Rodney S. Davis was transferred to Miami, the morals and conduct of the membership of this Committee slowly dwindled. By myself I was unable to uphold it without Mr. Davis' presence. However, since he attended the meeting in Fort Myers you could tell at this last meeting a considerable upgrade in

dignity and morals. For instance, Hester of the State Road Department and Zelenka of the American Tel. & Tel. Company showed up with shoes on; and, there wasn't over 80% of the members called the others the so and so's which, to quote Mr. Rodney Davis, they actually were. We hope that if Mr. Davis is able to continue attending these meetings that between he and myself we will eventually be able to bring the membership of this Committee up to a high moral and intelligent plain.

After considerable twisting of his arm by the Committee, Mr. Red Davis finally loosened up and invited the Committee to Miami for the next meeting, which will be Friday, August 14th. Knowing Mr. Rodney S. Davis as we all do, we can't expect too much. However, I understand that he has an uncle, or other kinfolks, that runs a 4th or 5th class hotel where Mr. Davis will undoubtedly attempt to have us put up, of course at 1st class rates. When we get any further information we will let you know.

As usual at all of these meetings, there is a lot of interesting discussion, questions and answers came up that the only way to get the full benefit of them is to attend the meetings. Do not forget that the next meeting is election of officers and a mighty good way to get elected is to stay away from the meeting at this time. I would not do any politicking but I know a man with the A. T. & T. that would make a mighty good Chairman. Also a certain person with the R.E.A. who would make a mighty fine Secretary. Please keep this in mind.



K. H. Williams
"Acting Secretary"