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MINUTES OF MEETING
FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE
CHEROKEE HOTEL, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA
MAY 14, 1954

The regular quarterly meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee was called to order in Tallahassee at the Cherokee Hotel Friday, May 14, 1954 at 10 a.m. by Mr. L. G. Zelenka, Chairman. Introduction of those present followed and those attending were:

E. A. McKee, Sr.	Southeastern Tel. Co.	Tallahassee, Fla.
B. N. Darlington	Peninsular Tel. Co.	Tampa, Fla.
G. N. Doyal	Gulf Power Company	Pensacola, Florida
G. L. Kenny, Jr.	Fla. Power Corporation	St. Petersburg, Fla.
B. E. Wilkerson	SALRR Co. (Retired)	Fruitland Park, Fla.
R. W. Norman	Fla. Power Corporation	Monticello, Florida
Fox Henderson	Inter County Tel. & Tel. Co.	Fort Myers, Florida
C. H. Summers	Fla. Power & Light Co.	Miami, Fla.
Ernest Menendez	Southeastern Tel. Co.	Tallahassee, Fla.
Dwight H. Hibbard	Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville, Fla.
C. R. Mayhew	Southeastern Tel. Co.	Tallahassee, Fla.
John Martin	Talquin Electric Coop.	Quincy, Fla.
Leon T. Weaver	Talquin Electric Coop.	Quincy, Fla.
L. G. Zelenka	American Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville, Fla.
Ken Williams	Inter County Tel. & Tel. Co.	Fort Myers, Fla.

OLD BUSINESS

Leonard Martin, Secretary, was unable to attend so the Chairman appointed Ken Williams to act as temporary Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

INTENT TO CONSTRUCT

Intent to construct were read and for the first time in history all letters had been answered.

NEW BUSINESS

There has been some misunderstanding on the territorial maps which Ben Darlington got out sometime ago. These maps were really intended for the State Road Department alone and 10 copies were sent to the State Road and one copy to the Committee. Some thought that each member of the Committee was supposed to get a copy.

The State Road would like an up-to-date list of the proper personnel to contact in the various companies when it becomes necessary to have poles moved due to any construction or widening of the road. A sub-committee was appointed to take care of this composed of Ben Darlington, Chairman, Red Davis, Homer Welch, Cy Washburn, Stanley Warth and Bill Gault.

Mr. Zelenka of the A. T. & T. Company stated that they had sent maps covering the location of all coaxial cables to the State Road Department. He also stated that he had found that the State Road Department in various counties very cooperative in this matter.

The question of the change in the location of poles along state highways from 5' to 6½' came up. Inasmuch as no one has had any official notification of this, the Chairman said that he would write to the State Road Department and get a ruling on it and report at the next meeting.

Under new business, the Committee decided that we should have a Historian to dig up all our past records and keep it up-to-date. Ben Darlington was appointed as permanent Historian to act from now on.

Dwight Hibbard stated that they had had a serious accident on a joint use of poles where there was a transformer. The accident was due to a poor ground connection and at the present time the Bell Company is making spot checks on transformers for irregular connections. There was considerable discussion on that and he agreed to give us an up-to-date report at the next meeting. Mr. Summers of the Florida Power & Light Company said that his company had also been checking for irregular transformer connections.

Mr. Mayhew of the Southeastern Telephone Company stated that on a new bridge the State Road Department was building, that they were placing conduit in the bridge for the use of telephone cables.

The question of attendance was brought up, particularly with reference to the R.E.A. and it seemed to be the consensus of opinion that the reason for their poor attendance was possibly the limited personnel.

Mr. Darlington suggested that notices of the meeting be sent out 10 days in advance with a return card, which was agreed upon by the Committee. Mr. Zelenka agreed to get the necessary cards and forward them to the Secretary. He also suggested that all Committee members contact as many other people as possible, particularly municipal owned plants.

The Southeastern pulled another Keystone Heights on us and gave us a very fine luncheon for which the Committee was very appreciative. While the attendance was not too good at this meeting, we had a very good meeting with a lot of very interesting discussion which you birds that didn't attend missed. If you want to get all the good out of this Committee, you should attend fairly regular. As usual Mr. Stanley Warth sent his regrets in the shape of Dwight Hibbard who is a very fine young man and it is a shame that he has to be thrown in contact with such characters as Ben Darlington, Zelenka and some others that I might mention.

Some of us came from Tampa to Tallahassee with Mr. Darlington and would have made very good time were it not for the fact that Darlington has some new kind of hobby which was looking for large trees along the road. They had to be of a certain size and located at the right distance off the road before he would consider them. Of course, then in some instances where he felt that he should drive off the road in order to get closer to this tree, it became necessary for Fox Henderson and myself to push him out, which naturally consumed some time.

The next meeting will be held in Tampa at the invitation of Mr. Darlington who promises a good program. This will be Friday, August 13th, which is a mighty fine date for a meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was closed.