

MINUTES OF MEETING  
FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA  
NOVEMBER 9, 1962

The regular quarterly meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee was called to order by Secretary, Bill Malloy, in the absence of Mr. Ed O'Connor, who due to illness had to leave prior to the meeting, and in the absence of our two vice-chairmen, Mr. Warth and Mr. Darlington. This meeting was held at the Holiday Lodge in Panama City, Florida.

An introduction of those present showed the following persons in attendance:

W.V. Bunker	Tri-County Electric Coop., Inc.	Madison
R.L. Traxler	Gulf Power Company	Pensacola
C.R. Mayhew	Florida Central Telephone Co.	Tallahassee
E.M. Hawkins	Gulf Power Company	Panama City
E.M. Salley	State Road Department	Tallahassee
R.M. Singleton	State Road Department	Tallahassee
W.J. Wooley	North Florida Telephone Company	Live Oak
R.A. McMullen	North Florida Telephone Company	Live Oak
Wilkins Linhart	Florida R.R. & Pub. Utilities	Fruitland Park
J.M. Rogers	Florida R.R. & Pub. Utilities	Marianna
K. Radekin	North Florida Telephone Company	Monticello
B.L. Griffin	Florida Power Corporation	Monticello
A.M. Priestester	Southern Bell Tel & Tel Co.	Pensacola
D. Hinton	Gulf Power Corporation	Panama City
W.P. Malloy	Southeastern Telephone Company	Tallahassee

A tabulation of Notice of Intent Letters was distributed for review by those present.

In connection with reviewing the Notices of Intent Letters, Mr. Bunker asked for a clarification of permits submitted to the State Road Department to maintain facilities along the right-of-way of State Roads. Mr. Bunker's question was in reference to establishing joint use with a utility who had previously been issued a permit and who was now relinquishing their rights-of-way to another utility--should the party to whom the rights-of-way are released obtain a State Road Permit? Mr. E. M. Salley of the State Road Department pointed out that application for permit should be submitted on all additions to existing facilities and for any new facilities to be placed on the rights-of-way.

A report from the Sub-Committee assigned to negotiate for the raise on the limitation of voltage of State Road right-of-way was read.

There was considerable interest in the report from the Communication Utilities, and copies were requested for study so that recommendations to the Sub-Committee could be made.

Mr. Wilkins Linhart pointed out that a number of the utilities are experiencing difficulty with State maintenance crews that are planting shrubbery and trees directly over and under cables along the rights-of-way. It was acknowledged that there are many instances throughout the State that the Road Department has not received formal application for permit for placing of these facilities. It was felt that each utility could coordinate this with the maintenance department in their respective districts with regard to future planting of shrubbery and trees along the rights-of-way.

Mr. Traxler recalled instances where the contract for road construction did not include clearing the entire rights-of-way of trees. This presented quite a problem when property owners did not consent to removal of these trees. Mr. Griffin pointed out an instance in Jefferson County where trees were left on the rights-of-way in agreement with the property owners that they would not be removed. This has caused expensive maintenance problems along this State Road.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion relative to suggestions that would be beneficial to the Committee for future meetings. The following suggestions were made:

- A. A review of revisions of State Road Department codes regarding clearances.
- B. Procedure to be outlined and followed for reimbursement from the State Road Department of utilities falling in that category.
- C. Review of the State Road Manual.

It was also brought to the attention of this group that in some districts where the District Liaison Committee of the State Road Department meets quarterly during the same month as the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee, that the two could be combined into single day meetings, holding the Utilities Coordinating Committee in the morning and the State Road District Liaison Committee in the afternoon--or vice-versa. Since these two Committees frequently draw from the same personnel, this would reduce the time lost from their respective companies and should substantially increase attendance at both meetings. We will endeavor to coordinate the next meeting in this manner.

In Mr. O'Connor's absence, the Chair extended an invitation in his behalf to hold the February meeting of the Committee in St. Petersburg. The Committee accepted the invitation. Notice as to time, place, date and program will be distributed during January.

Again, I would like to remind you of the address of the new secretary, W.P. Malloy. Please send all future Notice of Intent Letters to the address below:

Mr. William P. Malloy  
Southeastern Telephone Company  
P. O. Box 2214  
Tallahassee, Florida

On behalf of the Committee, the Secretary wishes to express their appreciation to the Gulf Power Corporation for acting as hosts and providing a fine luncheon.

*William P. Malloy*  
WILLIAM P. MALLOY  
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