

FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES
 NOVEMBER 6, 1970 RAMADA MOTOR INN
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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with a welcome to Jacksonville by Chairman, Bob Corn. Self introductions were made as follows:

K. L. Brown	Tampa Electric Company	Tampa
L. D. Housel	J. E. Greiner Co., Inc.	Tampa
Verne R. Brown	General Telephone Co.	Tampa
Stan Warth	SBT & T Co.	Jacksonville
T. A. Palmer	SBT & T Co.	Jacksonville
A. M. Priester	SBT & T Co.	Miami
L. C. Lively	Gulf Power Company	Pensacola
B. A. Kempson, Jr.	Gulf Power Company	Pensacola
G. W. Cock	Tampa Electric Company	Tampa
E. R. McMath	United Tel. Co. of Fla.	Ft. Myers
John F. Clark	United Tel. Co. of Fla.	Avon Park
Earl R. Greene	Fla. Power Corp.	Lake Wales
Jack N. Ossi	Jax Elec. Auth.	Jacksonville
Don Brant	City of Orlando	Orlando
Earl Garlotte	Orlando Utilities Comm.	Orlando
H. V. Gardner, Jr.	Orlando Utilities Comm.	Orlando
Ronald E. Elder	Public Works Engineering	Jacksonville
Stanley M. Pounds	Jax Electric Auth.	Jacksonville
Marion E. Baker	Jax Electric Auth.	Jacksonville
Merle R. Stephens	Jax Electric Auth.	Jacksonville
John T. Hollins	Jax Electric Auth.	Jacksonville
J. A. Bell	Fla. Gas Trans. Co.	Orlando
A. Norton Brockman	Southern Bell Tel.	Jacksonville
W. D. Baker	Southern Bell Tel.	Jacksonville
Paul Mundy	General Tel. Co.	Tampa
V. B. Nolan	Fla. Power & Light	Miami
C. B. Prime	Fla. Power & Light	Daytona Beach
W. L. Duncan, Jr.	Fla. Power & Light	Daytona Beach
F. A. Dunkley, Jr.	Jax. Electric Auth.	Jacksonville
H. D. Ganey	AT & T Co.	Jacksonville
J. C. Funk	AT & T Co.	Jacksonville
R. N. Stine	AT & T Co.	Jacksonville
Walter C. Holmes	AT & T Co.	Orlando
R. B. Sensabaugh	DOT	Tallahassee
J. M. Haynie	DOT	Deland
Bob Foote	Winter Park Tel. Co.	Winter Park
Jim Kellermann	Sumter Elect. Corp.	Sumterville
B. B. Godfrey	DOT	Deland
H. M. Erwin, Jr.	Fla. Power Corp.	St. Petersburg
Everett A. Thompson	DOT	Bartow
A. E. Zimmerman	DOT	St. Petersburg
E. Ray Maxey	City of Jax - P.W. Eng.	Jacksonville
Gene Harrell	Suwannee Valley Elect.	Live Oak
Louis Woods	Suwannee Valley Elect.	Live Oak
J. W. Smithy	DOT	Lake City
F. S. Dees	DOT	Lake City
J. L. Gray	City of Jax - PW Eng.	Jacksonville

R A Boswell	Jax. Elec. Auth.	Jacksonville
S. R. Ferdman	Jax. Elec. Auth.	Jacksonville
Haines S. Cunningham	Jax. Elec. Auth.	Jacksonville
S. A. Salem	DOT	Jacksonville
W. E. Douglas	DOT	Tallahassee
C. A. Blissitt	City of Jax - P.W. Eng.	Jacksonville
Robert V. Davenport	City of Jax - P.W. Eng.	Jacksonville
O. G. Wingate	City of Jax - P.W. Eng.	Jacksonville
W. F. Jarvis	City of Jax - P.W. Eng.	Jacksonville
J. H. Owens	City of Jax - P.W. Eng.	Jacksonville
W. M. Hood, Jr.	City of Jax - P.W. Str. & Hwy Div.	Jacksonville
C. L. Green	City of Jax - P.W.	Jacksonville
J. H. Hyatt	City of Jax - P.W. Deputy Dir.	Jacksonville
R. D. Bullington	American Tel & Tel Co.	Miami
Bob Corn	Florida Gas Transmission	Orlando

Chairman, Bob Corn announced that since the last meeting he had received a letter from the newly elected Secretary, Marion Gilliam, Florida Power Corp. - St. Petersburg, expressing regrets that he would be unable to continue as Secretary of the F.U.C.C. due to his transfer and promotion to District Manager of the Lake Placid office.

Bob announced that he had appointed a new Secretary, Ken Brown, Tampa Electric Company. to serve out the remainder of the term.

The minutes of the August 7, 1970, meeting were read. The secretary made notation while reading the minutes that the first sentence of paragraph 2 of page 3 will be corrected to read: Ken Brown reported that the proposed new County Subdivision Regulations of the Hillsborough County Planning Commission, etc. The minutes were then approved as corrected.

OLD BUSINESS

Kemp Kempson gave a report on the progress concerning signs overhanging the right of ways.

Kemp announced that a short meeting was held in Tallahassee on October 20, but prior to the Tallahassee meeting he had not received comments or recommendations that were asked for at the last F.U.C.C. meeting; therefore, very little progress was made.

Kemp stated that since the Tallahassee meeting he had received comments from one telephone and two power companies, however, recommendations were so conflicting that a single recommendation could not be put together. Kemp stated that Mr. Gartner had received a letter from Mr. Davidson, Executive Director of the organization representing the sign industry recommending that a corridor be allowed for signs at heights between 9 and 20 feet. Kemp stated that this plan would be detrimental to utility needs. Much discussion followed showing considerable utility interest in signs. Bob Corn asked if the Committee felt this subject should be investigated further.

A motion was made by Ken Brown, and seconded by Ben Prime, that a sub-committee be selected to aid Kemp in his investigation and make a recommendation to the Florida Utilities Coordination Committee. The following members volunteered to be on the sub-committee:

Verne Brown	General Telephone Co. of Fla.	Tampa
Eugene McMath	United Telephone Co. of Fla.	Fort Myers
Floyd Hostetter	SBT & T Co.	Miami
Merle Stephens	Jacksonville Electric Auth.	Jacksonville
Don Brant	City of Orlando	Orlando
Ken Brown	Tampa Electric Company	Tampa

Ken Brown, Chairman of the Roadway Lighting and Traffic Signal Sub-committee reported on the final recommendation of the Utility Sub-committee. Ken reported that the proposed agreement forms were mailed out to the entire F.U.C.C. membership on October 30. The Utility Sub-committee is recommending that the F.U.C.C. adopt the proposed agreement as its recommendation to the Department of Transportation as guidelines for utilities who could sign such an agreement.

Ken started a paragraph by paragraph reading of the agreement and encouraged questions and discussion between paragraphs.

Mr. E. A. Thompson, DOT, stated that utilities will have to keep in mind that agreements containing reimbursement will have to be executed prior to the execution of the highway contract.

Mr. Kempson, Gulf Power Company, objected to bringing the agreement to the F.U.C.C. at this time, stating that it was his understanding that there would be another sub-committee meeting first, and asked "What is the hurry? Our legal departments have not had time to pass on it."

Messrs. A. L. Priester and T. A. Palmer of Southern Bell objected on the same grounds, adding that it may not comply with existing joint use agreements.

Ken stated that the members of the sub-committee were contacted by telephone for their vote. The sub-committee members admit that such an agreement could not withstand legal scrutiny and that any lawyer would tell you the agreement is not air-tight for utilities. However, the sub-committee feels it contains as much protection for utilities as is legally possible. Since there is no hope for an air-tight agreement and several utilities need the agreement now, we are making our final recommendation at this meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Allen Priester and seconded by Vic Gardner that the committee vote on adopting the revised 4th draft as a recommendation from the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee to the Department of Transportation as guidelines. Mr. Priester continued to clarify the motion stating that if adopted by the committee, it should be pointed out to the DOT that all utilities do not concur with the provisions of the agreement, therefore, the guidelines are recommended only as a new approach for utilities who can accept the agreement.

Bob Corn outlined the bylaws of the Committee where by each organization is allowed one vote. A vote was then taken and recorded as 10 for adoption and 4 against.

A motion was made by Ken Brown that a letter be written by the chairman to Mr. E. A. Salley, State Utility Engineer, DOT, notifying him of the committee recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner and approved by majority vote.

Mr. Priester asked for a roll call to record those who were opposed to his motion. The opposed voters identified themselves as:

A. L. Priester	SBT and T Company
B. A. Kempson	Gulf Power Company
E. R. McMath	United Telephone of Fla.
E. R. McMath	Lee County Electric Coop.

Those organizations abstaining from the vote were then identified as follows:

J. E. Griener Company
Fla. Gas Transmission
Winter Park Telephone

At the end of the roll call there were 17 organizations standing. Bob Corn asked if there were any organizations not called. There was no reply.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Don Brant expressed his interest in more county participation in the F.U.C.C. After some discussion, the chairman urged all members to encourage the participation of the various counties in the F.U.C.C.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chairman announced the mailing list for the F.U.C.C. was getting long compared with attendance at the meetings. A motion was made by Mr. Robert Davenport that the mailing list be purged by the secretary. The motion was seconded by Verne Brown and was passed by the Committee.

The chairman read a communication prepared by Mr. J. E. Kirk, Chief of Railroads Utility Branch, for presentation during the Right of Way Committee Meeting at the 29th Annual AASHO Convention at Mobile, Alabama, on October 5, 1970. The presentation was an outline of the activities of the Federal Highway Administration and the part it has taken in the adoption of utility accommodation guides in the various states.

The chairman read a letter from Mr. William Gartner, Jr. Deputy, State Highway Engineer, to Mr. R. H. Corn, Chairman, F.U.C.C., which stated that the Federal Highway Administration had, in fact, refused to accept the Florida Utilities Accommodation Guide in the form it has been presented to them (letter attached to Minutes).

Mr. Bill Douglas stated that the majority of the Bureau's comments were that they would like the guide to be more detailed in certain sections. However, the Department would get back with utilities before making any changes. Mr. Glen Cock offered a motion that the chairman answer Mr. Gartner's letter and offer our assistance if we can help him in any way. Bob Corn said he intended to do so.

Horace Erwin, Florida Power Corp., announced Florida Power Corp. will sponsor the February meeting in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mr. Stanley Warth announced that he is the Historian for the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee and if anyone needs information he would be more than happy to turn it over to them.

There being no further business the chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:10 pm. The meeting was followed by a luncheon hosted by Jacksonville Electric Authority. Appreciation was expressed by Bob Corn in behalf of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee for the excellent arrangements made by Fred Dunkley for the meeting and luncheon.

Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



K. L. Brown
Secretary

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Attachment