

FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE

AUGUST 6, 1971, HOLIDAY INN
DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Corn
at 9:15 a.m.

Chairman Corn read a copy of a letter from Secretary Mueller's office answering a citizen's complaint to Governor Askew. The subject was the cutting of newly constructed pavements to accommodate utility crossings and the need for advanced planning to eliminate these conditions. The existence of advanced planning between the utility companies and the Department of Transportation by the F.U.C.C. was cited by the Secretary in his answer to the concerned party.

Self introductions of those present were made as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>CITY</u>
K. L. Brown	Tampa Electric Company	Tampa
Bob Corn	Fla. Gas Transmission	Winter Park
Larry Housel	J. E. Greiner Company	Tampa
Chuck Sissons	United Telephone Company	Ft. Myers
Paul Mundy	Gen. Telephone Company	Tampa
Glen Cock	Tampa Electric Company	Tampa
Louis Rouillier	Gulf Power Company	Pensacola
Jim Dunning	Gulf Power Company	Pensacola
Walter Holmes	Am. Tel. & Tel. Company	Orlando
John C. Funk	Am. Tel. & Tel. Company	Jacksonville
Bob Genung	Am. Tel. & Tel. Company	Jacksonville
A. E. Zimmerman	D.O.T.	St. Petersburg
R. E. Beckham	Fla. Gas Trans. Company	Orlando
W. L. Anderson	D.O.T.	Bartow
J. W. Smithy	D.O.T.	Lake City
R. D. Cannon	D.O.T.	Deland
J. E. Hudson	Hillsborough County	Tampa
J. M. Haynie	D.O.T.	Deland
Paul Pearson	Florida Power Corp.	St. Petersburg

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J. D. Beach	D.O.T.	Deland
R. E. Wilson	S.B.T.&T. Company	Daytona Beach
J. B. Compton	S.B.T.&T. Company	Daytona Beach
G. A. Reed	Clay Electric Co-op, Inc.	Keystone Hts.
Lew Chaff	Clay Electric Co-op, Inc.	Keystone Hts.
C. B. Roane	Fla. Power & Light Company	Daytona Beach
B. B. Godfrey	D.O.T.	Deland
C. B. Prime	Fla. Power & Light Company	Daytona Beach
Bob Foote	Winter Park Tel. Company	Winter Park
Don Brant	City of Orlando	Orlando
Fred Marden	Orange County	Orlando
Ralph Bullington	Am. Tel. & Tel. Company	Miami
Merle Stephens	Jax. Elec. Auto	Jacksonville
H. V. Gardner, Jr.	Orlando Utilities Comm.	Orlando
Warren Blanks	S.B.T.&T. Company	Cocoa
Allen Priester	S.B.T.&T. Company	Miami
Stanley Warth	S.B.T.&T. Company (Retired)	Jacksonville
W. Dickens	Fla. Power & Light Company	Daytona
Carl Beasley	Sumter Electric Company	Sumterville

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Glen Cock - Tampa Electric Company, summated the subcommittee's analysis and recommendations on the new utility relocation agreement developed to replace the standard "no cost" letter. Wording acceptable to the utility industry and the D.O.T. has been established. A motion was made by Mr. C. B. Prime that the Committee officially accept the subcommittee's report and the relocation agreement. A voice vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.

The Committee's letter to Mr. Bill Gartner, Deputy for Engineering Operations, DOT, notifying him of the F.U.C.C.'s recommendations regarding signs overhanging right-of-ways has not been answered. Chairman Corn recently directed another letter to Mr. Gartner requesting he meet with the subcommittee. No further action will be taken by this subcommittee pending an answer from DOT.

Chairman Corn read a letter directed to him from Mr. P. E. Carpenter, Division Engineer, setting forth the Federal Highway Administration's position with respect to high pressure gas or volatile fuel lines crossing under Federal-Aid highway bridges. Mr. Carpenter stated that these installations should be treated as a highway crossing in an embankment condition. A memorandum from Mr. Salley on this subject was read in which it was stated that similar situations on non-federal aid project would be treated in accordance with the provisions of Rule 014-46.01, Florida Administrative Code.

Mr. E. M. Salley, State Utility Engineer, DOT, presented a film entitled "The Moving Challenge", an excellent program developed by the DOT depicting the tremendous transportation problems associated with Florida's continually increasing population and tourism.

NEW BUSINESS

The Nominating Committee offered the names of Ken Brown for Chairman, Larry Housel for Secretary and Andy Palmer for Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year. All were unanimously elected. Bob thanked the group for their continued cooperation and support during his year in office and relinquished the chair to the new Chairman, Ken Brown.

Chairman Brown introduced Mr. Robert L. Freeman, Engineer of Traffic Operations who presented a slide program establishing the necessity for standardization of traffic control devices and systems. Mr. Freeman showed examples of DOT projects where inadequate and nonuniform traffic control and warning systems were utilized. Deficient traffic control systems result in unnecessary hazards to the motoring public and a lack of inherent trust by the public in the systems of warning devices. Mr. Freeman suggested that the utility industry relate the DOT practices to their respective procedures and initiate improvements as required.

Chairman Brown noted that Mr. Ekey, State Highway Engineer has not responded to the F.U.C.C.'s November 25, 1969 request for adoption of the "Space Allocation Guide". Mr. Salley noted that standardization of utility locations should not be approached as a requirement but rather as a recommendation and predicted that Mr. Ekey would respond to the F.U.C.C.'s request in the near future.

Glen Cock moved that the Committee contact DOT and site their willingness to work with the Department should the study of standard utility space allocation be reactivated. Motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Chairman Brown read a communication from E. M. Salley to Bob Corn regarding the Federal Highway Administration's Instructional Memorandum 30-4-71, Federal-Aid Participation - Utility Installations Serving a Highway Purpose. Mr. Salley noted that billing for such installations can be accepted by the Florida Department of Transportation, only when submitted under the provisions of DOT's reimbursable procedure 132-046 with supporting legal agreement.

Chairman Brown presented a proposal developed by Verne Brown, General Telephone Company, to establish a "Standing Committee". The purpose of this Committee will be to expedite recommendations of the various utility industries and enhance the Coordinating Committee's ability to react more rapidly. The Standing Committee is to be comprised of a representative from each of the following utilities:

- General Telephone Company
- Florida Power Corporation
- Florida Gas Transmission
- SATV
- Municipal Agencies
- County Agencies
- D.O.T.
- Railroad

Copies of a written statement summarizing the intent of this Committee were distributed and are included herewith for study by the general membership during this forthcoming quarter. Implementation of this Committee will require revision in the bylaws and is to be voted on at the November meeting.

Chairman Brown requested a status report on the "State Utility Accommodation Guide". Mr. Salley stated that the Federal Highway Administration is not vigorously pressing for a guide acceptable to them and utilities in Florida are bound by the existing guide as approved by Secretary Mueller.

Mr. Paul Mundy, General Telephone Co., conveyed a request from the Upper Pinellas County Utility Coordinating Committee for a F.U.C. subcommittee to study and recommend a color code for subsurface facilities. Motion was made by Mr. Mundy, seconded and unanimously passed, to form a subcommittee for this purpose. The following volunteered to serve:


Verne Brown	General Tel. Co. (Chairman)
Allan Priester	S.B.T.&T. Company
Paul Pearson	Florida Power Corp.
Bob Foote	Winter Park Tel.
Ken Brown	TECO
Jim Hudson	Hillsborough County

A request is hereby made to all district and substructure groups to transmit meeting dates and locations as early as possible for inclusion in the calendar, to Vice Chairman, Mr. Andy Palmer, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, 261 Jacobs Building, Jacksonville, Florida 32202.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Meeting arrangements were made by Mr. Ben Prime and lunch was hosted by the Florida Power and Light Company.

Respectfully submitted,


Larry D. Housel
Secretary