



FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Coordination Through Cooperation

MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 1991
DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

The Summer meeting of the Florida Utility Coordinating Committee was called to order at 8:50 a.m. by Chairman Tom Duggar with 79 in attendance.

Larry Claxon offered the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Duggar called for self-introductions.

Chairman Duggar asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Spring meeting of May 3, 1991, in Pensacola, Florida. Mark Sweet, Secretary, acknowledged that Mr. Ken Talley's name had been misspelled and that the correction had been made. Carlos Solis, Vice-Chairman, noted further that the Treasurer's Report of expenditures for February 8, 1991, had been incorrectly referenced as November 8, 1991. There being no further corrections to the minutes of May 3, 1991, motions were made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes as corrected and to waive their reading.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Chairman Duggar called on Mr. Bill Garrett to give the Historian's report.

Fifty Years Ago - August 22, 1941, Ingraham Building, Miami, Florida. Attendance: Power 1, Telephone 5, Railroad 1, PSC 1, Total 8. Stanley Warth of Southern Bell was Chairman, S.O. Newsome of Riverside Telephone was Vice Chairman and H.V. Street of Florida Power and Light was Secretary.

Mr. Girtman reported the Pine Island controversy had been settled. A lengthy discussion followed concerning the protection of underground cables. It was suggested that each manager of water and gas companies be furnished a map of the buried cables in their area. If one of these maps fell into the wrong hands the results could be disastrous.

The following were elected: Chairman, H.B. Street - Florida Power and Light; Vice-Chairman, B.E. Wilkerson - Seaboard Airline Railroad; Secretary B.A. Galloway - Winter Park Telephone Company.

Twenty-Five Years Ago - August 5, 1966, Holiday Lodge, Panama City, Florida. Attendance: Power 4, Telephone 7, Gas 2, SRD 2, R.E.A. 5, Total 20. W.V. Bottorff, Inter County Telephone, was Chairman, Jim Tinsley, Southern Bell Telephone, was Vice-Chairman and H. Dean Broome, Tampa Electric, was Secretary.

The secretary reported an invitation had been mailed to all known local groups to become affiliated with the committee. The following elected to become a part of the committee: Greater Tampa Utilities Group, Greater Pensacola Utilities Coordinating Committee, Orange-Seminole Substructure Committee, Ocala Utilities Coordinating Committee and Orlando Utilities Group

Mr. Verne Brown reported that the Subcommittee of the Utilities Accommodation Guide should be complete with the review and recommendation of the State Road Department by the next meeting.

The following were elected: Chairman, H.D. Broome - Tampa Electric; Vice Chairman, G.A. Reed - Clay Electric Co-op; Secretary, J.M. Tinsley - Southern Bell.

The committee thanked Gulf Power for the fine accommodations and luncheon.

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Carlos Solis
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Vice-Chairman
Mark Sweet
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Secretary
Dennis Black
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Historian
Bill Garrett
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Chairman Duggar called on Vice-Chairman Solis to give the Treasurer's Report:

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| Balance carried forward from May 3, 1991 | \$673.95 |
| Interest (3 months) | 10.95 |
| Receipts | |
| May 3, 1991, meeting registration, 80 in attendance at \$5.00 each | 400.00 |
| Expenditures | |
| May 3, 1991, audio equipment rental & coffee, danish | (375.48) |
| May 3, 1991, awards and plaques | (63.79) |
| Balance as of August 2, 1991 | \$645.63 |

FDOT UPDATE

Chairman Duggar requested a FDOT Update from Mr. Paul Kaczorowski. Paul addressed the following items:

1. **Early Warning** - Paul stated the critical issue of 'signing and sealing' was being reviewed by FDOT attorneys and recommended that all utilities carefully review their internal procedures with respect to this issue in order to respond to FDOT when it comes forward with a position, particularly with respect to location survey documents, traffic control plans, work zones and adjustment sheets which may accompany highway construction plans.
2. **Access Management** - Paul stated it was his assumption a replacement will be appointed for Jim Gibbs as the FUCC coordinator for rewrite of this rule. Access Management is handled by Gary Sokolow but Paul will be notified prior to the administrative weekly notice of 3 workshops to be held throughout the state to review the current version of the Access Management Rule which incorporates the FUCC comments as represented by Jim Gibbs.
3. **Asbestos and Abandonment** - The FDOT is in agreement with the recommendations of the Utility Abandonment and Asbestos Disposition Subcommittee chaired by Gene McMath.
4. **Utility Accommodation Guide** - FDOT Rule is ready to go forward. Paul provided Dennis LaBelle with copies of the revised UAG which will be referenced in the Rule. Paul reports no controversial items at present. The input received from the 655 utilities that participated in the 7 seminars held throughout the state resulted in 6 changes to the UAG. Paul requested that a copy of the revised UAG be included in the minutes of this meeting for distribution to the FUCC membership (attached). Paul stated that abandonment had evolved into a complex legal, environmental and regulatory issue beyond the scope of the FUCC subcommittee to address. To avoid further delay on the issue, FDOT has adjusted the UAG paragraph reference to abandoned lines, to the effect that the FDOT will no longer consider lines abandoned, but 'out of service'. Paul explained that the difference between 'out of service' and 'abandoned' was very important and stated that permittees retain responsibility for records retention and future impact of 'out of service' lines in addition to all rights as a prior permittee. A future, secondary permittee causing an impact on the 'out of service' line would then be responsible for costs or impacts to the prior permittee. Paul encouraged all utilities to review this provision of the UAG.
5. **Utility Pole Identification** - FDOT is focusing on safety as a critical issue. A critical element of which is the development of a statistical database. No uniform method of pole identification numbering exists at present, not even for FDOT poles. Paul encouraged the FUCC to take a leadership role in the development of a uniform system of pole identification.
6. **Safety** - Paul requested that a list of University of Florida training courses meeting FDOT requirements for traffic work zone planning be included in the minutes for distribution to the membership (attached). Paul has been appointed by the State Maintenance of Traffic Committee as an observer to sit in on various utility training programs.
7. **Introduction** - Paul introduced Ray Risener, State Highway Design Engineer, as the new head of the Utility Section since July 1, 1991.

Larry Claxon inquired as to the signing and sealing issue to which Paul replied that the FDOT effort at this time is directed toward finding elements where the public deserves protection of professional oversight with the FDOT focus on traffic control plans and work zones, adjustment sheets where FDOT does work on behalf of the utility and location plans involving potential hazards to the public.

SPEAKERS

Chairman Duggar called on Vice-Chairman Solis to introduce the first guest speaker.

Carlos Solis introduced Mr. Donald R. Crane, Jr., Chairman of the Governors' Task Force on Transportation and President of Floridians for Better Transportation. Mr. Crane gave a presentation, with video, emphasizing the need for a sound state transportation infrastructure as the backbone for economic growth and diversity.

Carlos Solis introduced the second speaker, Mr. Tom Kennedy, who is responsible for storm planning at Florida Power Corporation and who gave a presentation, with visual aids, on "Hurricane Preparedness".

BUSINESS SECTION

Chairman Duggar called the Fucc to order for the business portion of the meeting.

District I - W.L. Childs, Jr. Meeting held March 22, 1991, with 88 present. Keynote speaker was Ed Palagyi, DER on "Asbestos". Next meeting, September 12, 1991. Bill Trefz, District Secretary, will show the film "Florida at the Crossroads".

District II - Buddy Dees. Next meeting will be held October 11, 1991, at the Holiday Inn in Lake City, Florida.

District III - Tom Duggar. Next meeting, August 22, 1991, in Chipley, Florida. Presentation will be given by the U.N.C.L.E. office and Gulf Power will give presentation on electromagnetic fields. New officers will be elected.

District IV - No report

District V - Joe Nero. Meeting held in July with 130 present. A presentation was given on Work Zone Safety. Next meeting in January at Maitland Sheraton, Orlando.

District VI - No report

District VII - Tom Kennedy. Next meeting is September 27, 1991, at the Holiday Inn Surfside on Clearwater Beach. Speakers include Bill McDaniel, District Secretary, John Temple, Director of Production, David May, Director of Operations and Barry Santi of the City of St. Petersburg, who will speak on "Reclaimed Water".

Local group Chairman changes include: **Greater Tampa Utility Group**, Jerry Taylor of Hillsborough County replaces Arlene Brown-McGee; **Pinellas County Utility Group**, Nancy Beisinger of George F. Young replaces Ray Reyburn and **Tri-County Utility Group**, Jo Eilyn Knopik replaces George Maddox.

Florida Turnpike Authority - Jim Haynie. Chairman Duggar requested a status report on the development of the Turnpike Authority from UAG to which Jim responded that work was underway and the procedures remain the same.

INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

Power - Lew Garfield. Met August 1, with 25 present. Tom Sanders gave a Joint Use Subcommittee report. Buddy Bowyer gave a status report on the Underground Utility Color Coding Subcommittee. Identification tagging of utility poles in the right-of-way was discussed and the Power Interest Group recommended that the Fucc coordinate with the FDOT to come up with a way to report utility pole accidents that will work for the FDOT and the utilities involved.

Telephone/Telecommunications Interest Group - Dave Hall/Doug Kettles. Gene McMath reviewed the Asbestos Subcommittee efforts and progress. Discussion continued on the 1990 NESC. The understanding is the PSC adopted the code as it pertains to telephone companies. The status of color coded conduit was reviewed with most members in favor of embossed as opposed to colored conduit. Rule 1496 status was reviewed. It appears that driveway/state road access will eventually be handled similar to our current utility permit process. Significant progress has been made on the State's acceptance of corporate checks for fees. There was discussion on the City of Golden Beach's effort to move all utilities underground and the associated law suits. Last month's One Call meeting in Orlando was also discussed.

Underground - Carlos Solis for Scott Boggs. Met August 1, 1991, with 16 present. A video presentation was made on the Trench Excavation Safety Act to explain OSHA requirements, from which a recommendation was made to put together a training directory as a resource for other utilities involved in excavation work. Rule 1496 was discussed as was underground utility abandonment and standardization of various city and county automated utility databases.

Utility Notification Center - Chuck Sprouse. During the last quarter 7 new members joined the utility notification center: City of Key West (sewer system), Gold Coast CATV (North Miami Beach), South Seminole and North Orange County Wastewater Transmission Authority, Florida Federal Savings and Loan (Pinellas County), All Children's Hospital (St. Petersburg), City of Dunedin (water/sewer system) and FP&L (Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach & Okeechobee Counties starting 8/8/91). There are other contracts in the formulative stage and will be reported at the next meeting.

Shelton Enterprises, was awarded another three year contract to operate the Call Candy One-Call System for Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Sarasota, Manatee, Polk and Charlotte Counties.

Chairman Duggar announced he had spoken to Bruce Kirshner with the Underground Contractors Association and advised that One-Call legislation would again be introduced. A meeting is scheduled August 13th in Orlando to discuss the proposed bill (copy attached). Chairman Duggar recommended that each member company review their position on the pending legislation individually.

Combination Interest Group - Carlos Solis for Scott Boggs. Met August 1st and heard reports from each Interest Group. Discussions were held on various issues before the Joint Use Subcommittee. Geotrack Corporation made a presentation on "Underground Utility Location".

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Utility Accommodation Guide - Dennis LaBelle.

1. Dennis updated the Fucc on the rewrite of the ASHTO Accommodation of Utilities on Rights-of-Way Guide stating that the first draft should be out in December. The Subcommittee will then work on the ASHTO Greenbook, and the RRR Manuals in an effort to obtain uniformity throughout.
2. The next National Highway Utility Conference is scheduled for October 1992. A call for speakers and topics of interest is underway and a planning meeting will be held in mid-September to formalize the agenda and establish the meeting location at either St. Louis, Dallas or New Orleans.
3. IRWA is looking at developing a course on liaison.
4. The Highway Utility Manual through FHWA has been contracted out to HPWA in conjunction with the University of Alabama with first draft to be out in early 1992. Members should forward suggestions to Dr. Turner of the University of Alabama.
5. TRB - Rocky DePrimo has been named as an official member. The next meeting will be held in Boston at an as yet undetermined date.
6. UAG revisions have been submitted by Paul Kaczorowski with no controversial issues remaining at present. A workshop meeting will be held August 28, 1991 in Tampa, Florida to review signing and sealing issues.

Joint Use Subcommittee - Tom Sanders. See attached report.

CSX/FDOT Subcommittee - Tom Duggar. See attached report.

City/County Participation Subcommittee - Tom Kennedy. Tom reports that the Subcommittee is inactive at present.

Abandonment of Utilities and Disposition of Asbestos Subcommittee Report - Gene McMath. See attached report.

Underground Utility Color Coding Subcommittee - John Bergacker. See attached report.

FDOT - Paul Kaczorowski. (1) Asbestos - the issue is not settled, the FDOT has added an "informative" clause in the UAG paragraph on Asbestos stating that the removal, capsulization of asbestos may require a licensed contractor per Federal regulations. (2) Standardization of Agreements - Paul reports that progress is underway with 5 agreements completed and 15 to go for pre-printing final forms. Dennis LaBelle asked if utilities would have an opportunity to review the final forms prior to implementation. Paul replied that utilities should review the forms through practice during the transition period of a few months and should advise him of any problems. (3) Underground Survey - Paul reports that each FDOT District will hire a consultant as this function is being decentralized.

STEERING COMMITTEE

Chairman Duggar requested Vice-Chairman Solis to give the Steering Committee report. Carlos announced that the next meeting scheduled for November 7 & 8, would be held at the Sheraton Yankee Trader, 321 North Atlantic Boulevard, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Carlos advised members desiring to attend this meeting to call (800)325-3535 or (305)467-1111 for reservations prior to October 16th. Room rates are \$55.00, single or double occupancy.

Carlos advised that the search for a meeting location for the 1992 Spring Meeting had been expanded to the Greater Tampa Bay area, including Clearwater, St. Petersburg and Tampa.

Carlos appealed to the membership for suggestions on future meeting speakers and topics of interest.

Chairman Duggar brought the following Steering Committee recommendation to the floor for consideration:

Recommendation that the Fucc establish a new "Utility Pole Record Keeping" Subcommittee for liaison with FDOT in the development of reporting procedures for utility pole accidents to FDOT. Motion made and seconded to approve recommendation as presented, motion passed.

Awards Subcommittee - Abby Dasher. Other than the outgoing Chairman's Award, the Subcommittee had not met during the year and had no additional awards.

Nomination Committee - Dick McConville. The Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of Fucc Officer candidates for 1991 - 1992.

1. Chairman: Carlos Solis, Pinellas County Water System.
2. Vice-Chairman: Mark Sweet, Florida Power Corporation.
3. Secretary: Dennis Black, Paragon Cable.
4. Historian: Bill Garrett, Jacksonville Electric Authority.
5. Nominating Committee:
Chairman: Lew Garfield, Florida Power Corporation.
Members: Dave Hall, United Telephone Company; Scott Boggs, City of St. Petersburg; Doug Kettles, Cablevision of Central Florida.

Chairman Duggar asked if there were any further nominations from the floor. There being none, motions were made, seconded and passed to approve the nominations as presented.

Chairman Duggar dissolved all Subcommittees and established a new Awards Subcommittee for 1991-92 as follows:
Chairman: Rocky DePrimo, Morrison Knudsen Corporation
Members: Betsy Becker, Telesat Cablevision; Terry Vogel, Florida Power and Light; Don Schofield, Gulf Power Company; Dave Hall, United Telephone Company; Bill Stockton, Soft Dig; Howard Green, FDOT.

At this time, Chairman Duggar turned the meeting over to incoming Chairman Carlos Solis.

Chairman Solis requested Abby Dasher, Awards Subcommittee Chairman, to present the Outgoing Chairman's Award to Tom Duggar. Chairman Duggar was presented with a plaque in recognition of his outstanding leadership during the 1990-91 term and received applause from the membership. Chairman Duggar then thanked the membership for having been granted the opportunity to lead the Fucc during the past year, praised the accomplishments of the Subcommittees and thanked all members for their participation and cooperation in the organization.

Chairman Solis then appointed the Steering Subcommittee for the 1991-92 term as follows:

Chairman: Mark Sweet, Florida Power Corporation
Members Representing:
Telephone: Dave Hall, United Telephone
Power: Larry Claxon, Tampa Electric Company
Underground Utility: Wayne Darden, Orlando Utilities - Water
CATV: Doug Kettles, Cablevision of Central Florida
Governmental Utility: John Bergacker, City of North Miami Beach
Governmental Non-Utility: Ray Reyburn, Pinellas County
DOT: Paul Kaczorowski
Contractor: Bill Stockton, Soft Dig
Consulting Engineer: Rocky DePrimo, Morrison Knudsen
Utility Notification Center: John Shelton, Shelton Enterprises
Public Service Commission: Jim Ruehl

Chairman Solis established the 1991-92 Standing Subcommittees as follows:

Joint Use Subcommittee - Chairperson: Betsy Becker, Telesat Cablevision
Members: Tom Sanders, Orlando Utilities; Gene McMath, United Telephone; Mark Sweet, Florida Power Corporation; Ray Afeld, GTE Florida; Doug Kettles, Cablevision of Central Florida; Scott Sidney, Lee County Electric Cooperative; Jim Bates, GTE Florida; Marilyn Pineau, Utility Consultants; Buddy Bowyer, Florida Power Corporation.

Utility Accommodation Guide and Utility Manual Subcommittee - Chairman: Dennis LaBelle, Florida Power and Light
Members: Jeff Rodgers, Peoples Gas; Larry Claxon, Tampa Electric Company; Tom Livingston, Florida Power Corporation.; Dick McConville, United Telephone; Jim Bates, GTE Florida; Rocky DePrimo, Morrison Knudsen; Gene White, Paragon Cable; Abby Dasher, Florida Power and Light; Tom Duggar, Centel Florida; Nick Zembillas, FDOT.

City/County Participation Subcommittee - Chairman: Tom Kennedy, Florida Power Corporation

Members: Carlos Solis, Pinellas County Water; Juan Lopez, Hillsborough County.

CSX/DOT Right-of-Way - Chairman: Tom Duggar, Centel Florida

Members: Ron Worley, Florida Power Corporation; Don Schofield, Gulf Power Company; C.J. Blanton, FDOT; Jim Bates, GTE Florida; Dennis Black, Paragon Cable.

Abandoned Utilities and Asbestos Subcommittee - Chairman: Dick McConville, United Telephone

Members: Nick Zembillas, Pinellas County; Ray Reyburn, Pinellas County; Bill Lewis, City of Lakeland; Paul Kaczorowski, FDOT; Dennis LaBelle, Florida Power and Light; Larry Claxon, Tampa Electric Company; Rocky DePrimo, Morrison Knudsen; John Farkas, Southern Bell; Carlos Solis, Pinellas County Water; Nick Zembillas, FDOT.

Utility Color Coding Subcommittee - Chairman: John Bergacker, City of North Miami Beach

Members: Jim Bates, GTE Florida; Scott Boggs, City of St. Petersburg, Buddy Bowyer, Florida Power Corporation; Michelle Hershel, Florida Electric Co-op Association; Betsy Becker, Telesat Cablevision; Jeff Rodger, Peoples Gas; Gary Wools, City of Lakeland; Carlos Solis, Pinellas County Water.

Utility Pole Record Keeping Subcommittee - Chairman: Larry Claxon, Tampa Electric Company

Members: Gene McMath, United Telephone; Tom Sanders, Orlando Utilities Commission; Buddy Bowyer, Florida Power Corporation; Ray Afeld, GTE Florida; Nick Zembillas, Pinellas County.

Chairman Solis stated that the Subcommittee appointments were preliminary and that additional appointments would be made as other members indicated an interest in participating.

Paul Kaczorowski requested that a representative of the Public Service Commission and Dennis LaBelle, UAG Subcommittee Chairman, attend the special Signing and Sealing Workshop scheduled for August 28, 1991.

Bill Garrett announced that Ken Talley had been appointed "Employee of the Month" at Jacksonville Electric Authority.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Solis at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Mark Sweet
Secretary