

# FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE

## Coordination Through Cooperation

### MINUTES NOVEMBER 8, 1991 FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

The Fall meeting of the Florida Utility Coordinating Committee was called to order at 8:45 a.m. by Chairman Carlos Solis with 77 in attendance.

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

Chairman Solis called for self-introductions.

Chairman Solis asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Summer meeting of August 2, 1991, in Daytona Beach, Florida. Dennis Black, Secretary, acknowledged that Mr. Ray Reyburn's name had been misspelled and that the correction had been made. Also under Steering Committee Reyburn should be listed as a Governmental Non Utility, Pinellas County. There being no further corrections to the minutes of August 2, 1991, motions were made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes as corrected and to waive their reading.

#### HISTORIAN'S REPORT

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

Fifty Years Ago - November 21, 1941, Angebuilt Hotel, Orlando, Florida. Attendance: 16 Members. H. B. Street of Florida Power & Light was Chairman, B. E. Wilkerson, of Seaboard Airline Railroad was Vice Chairman and B. A. Galloway of Winter Park Telephone was Secretary.

The newly elected chairman and secretary were absent so Mr. Wilkerson conducted the meeting.

It was reported the REA members had received orders that they could not attend these meetings unless they were officials from Washington. The Washington officials would attend whenever it was necessary. Mr. Warth suggested invitations should be sent to these Washington officials.

The Winter Park Telephone Company's new underground construction requires terminal boxes to be placed five feet above the ground which is a hazard to public service linemen. This resulted in a lengthy discussion. A sub-committee was appointed to investigate.

The Winter Park Telephone Company furnished the luncheon.

Twenty-Five Years Ago - November 5, 1966, Holiday Inn, Forth Myers, Florida. Attendance: Power 16 (REA - 9), Phone 10, PSC 1, Retired 1 - Mr. Stan Warth with Southern Bell, Total 28.

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Vice-Chairman</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Historian</b>
Carlos Solis (813) 462-3588	Mark Sweet (813-866-4207	Dennis Black (813) 579-8600	Bill Garrett (904) 632-6064

Policy and Procedure Manual 30-4 has finally been adopted by the Bureau of Public Roads. This procedure is not to be followed in Florida until Florida Policy 046 is changed.

Mr. Stan Warth (retired) reported on his efforts as a capable committee of one to look into the safety aspects of buried utilities. The subject is on the agenda of the next meeting of the IEEE National Safety Committee.

A detail discussion of the "Guide Rules and Accommodation Guide" to be sent to the SRD was held.

Mr. Wilkins Linhar of the PSC was recognized as being the most faithful attender. He missed the last meeting - his first and only since the committee was formed in 1932. (34 years of perfect attendance).

"Words of Wisdom" Warth came through in his usual style with a novel way to save \$50.00.

The committee thanked Peace River and Lee County Electric Co-ops for the luncheon.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Balance carried forward from May 3, 1991	\$645.63
Receipts	
August 2, 1991, meeting registration 80 in attendance at \$5.00 each.	400.00
Expenditures	
August 2, 1991 Audiovisual Equipment, coffee and danish	(745.30)
Balance as of November 7, 1991	\$300.33

#### FDOT UPDATE

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

1. **Utility Accommodation Guide** - Paul stated since the August meeting the following things have happened The Utility Accommodation Guide. D.O.T. has responded to Dennis LaBelle subcommittee and incorporated all of their suggestions. We have a final document in legal rule for propagation.
2. **Longitudinal Clearance** - One element is still unsettled, the industry is still trying to develop a customized longitudinal clearance policy for Florida. Separate from the national standards but more specific for Florida. The subcommittee will give a report on this matter. FDOT is waiting for the one element to finalize utility accommodation guide for a revised rule making.
3. **Common Coordiance Locating Systems** - FDOT brought up a new subject in August, the potential or common corrdiance locating systems for the utilities municipalities, counties, and DOT as well as other state agencies. FDOT is actively moving internally to run parallel to whatever we decided to do as a industry in Florida.
4. **Utility Agreement** - The new utility agreement legal forms. A new attorney has been assigned and has the final five documents of the first five agreements complete, and will be proceeding with the balance of the agreement forms. There is additional 15 after

these five. First five documents is complete and through the legal review, should be able to put them in use quickly.

5. **Signing and Sealing** - FUCC has a Sub Committee addressing the needs to amend Chapter 471 which excludes the utility industry employees from signing and sealing their documents. In addition to that the FDOT has its statute 334-175 which does not address the exclusion, so the State Highway Engineers has decided that there is a conflict and legal will review the procedures.

**Question:** Larry Claxon asked Paul Kaczorowski can the utilities sign permits by positions that are on file to the state rather than having signatures on file to the state?

**Answer:** Paul indicated that the DOT is willing to accept signing by positions as practiced in the past.

6. **Flow-Chart** - This is now in its final form and the department plans on using this along with the utility manual.

#### **SPEAKERS**

Chairman Solis called on Paul Kaczorowski to introduce the first guest speaker.

Paul introduced Prof. David Gibson, Director of Surveying and Mapping Program, College of Engineering, University of Florida, Gainesville. He discussed Geographic Informational System (GIS) State Task Force.

Paul introduced the second speaker, Jerry Posten, Chief of the Federal Aid Program Branch for the Federal Highway of Administration, Washington. He gave an update on New Legislation in Congress Newly in acted, New Terminology, New Programs, and everything that is happening in the Highway Industry.

#### **BUSINESS SECTION**

Chairman Solis called the FUCC to order for the business portion of the meeting.

**District I - No Report**

**District II - Buddy Dees.** Utility Liaison Committee was held Friday, October 11, 1991, at Holiday Inn Lake City, with 74 present. Guest speaker Tom Gardner, Director of Florida Department of Natural Resources and Jim Norred, Southeastern Regional Sales Manager of M.D.I. Traffic Control.

Public easements was the topic presented by Tom Gardner and Mr. Jim Norred discussed work zone traffic control and safety.

Elections were held with Mr. Jimmy Albritton, Alltel Florida, Inc., becoming our new Chairman, Ms Beth Young, becoming our new Vice-Chairperson, and Mr. Bob Daniels, Gulf Telephone Company becoming our new Secretary.

**District III - Tom Duggar.** Meeting held August 23, 1991, at Chipley, Florida, 69 present. Presentation on Utility Notification Center. A representative from Gulf Power gave a presentation on Electromagnetic fields.

**District IV - No report**

**District V - Richard Taylor . Meeting held in July. New officers elected. Next meeting scheduled for 3rd week in January.**

**District VII - Arlene McGee. Meeting held in September, 100 present. New officers elected. Next meeting scheduled for March 27, 1992.**

**Florida Turnpike Authority - Jim Haynie. Jim gave a report on the development of the Turnpike Authority form UAG.**

Carlos Solis introduced third guest speaker Tom M. Nogaj, P.E., RJN Computer Service Inc. Consultant. Tom discussed The Pinellas County (Florida) Water System Department is implementing a comprehensive information management and performance evaluation system using RJN's Cass Work System.

**Announcements - Solis announced next meeting will be in Tallahassee, Florida at the Ramada Inn, 2900 North Monroe Street.**

Solis also announced that Jim Bates has retired from General Telephone, this was his last meeting. We all wish him the best of luck!!

#### **INTEREST GROUP REPORTS**

**Underground - Wayne Darden. Met November 7, 1991, with 15 present. The topics that were covered 1. Problem with contractors using full depth asphalt, 2. County fees for right-of-way utilization, 3. One call by-laws, and 4. Abandonment of utilities in DOT right-of-way.**

**Power - Larry Claxon. Mark Sweet gave a brief report on joint-use subcommittee. Dennis LaBelle gave an update on accommodation guide and longitude clearance within the DOT Right-of-Way. He also discussed forms for reimbursement. Buddy Boyer talked about color coding of conduit. Also discussed was CSX rates. Copies of the proposed by-laws for the one call utility notification center was handed out.**

**Telephone/Telecommunications - Doug Kettles. Three topics were discussed 1. John Fargus gave an update on asbestos, 2. Discussion continued on the 1990 NESC, and 3. Dennis LaBelle gave the revisions of the Utility Accommodation Guide.**

**Utility Notification Center - Chuck Sprouse. During the last quarter 2 new members joined the utility notification center: St. Lucie County Utilities (water, sewer, gas system), Palm Beach County Traffic. Shelton Enterprises, Inc. has published it's first edition of "Florida Utility Notification Newsletter". Copies are available at the registration table and by calling (800) 638-4097.**

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Utility Accommodation Guide - Dennis LaBelle.**

1. Dennis updated the group on the FUCC Utility Accommodations Guide and the Subcommittee recommendations revisions to the Utility Accommodation Guide. See Attached.
2. IRWA and ASHTO meeting was held in Milwaukee. The liaison committee met with ASHTO to work out uniformity with ASHTO's manual. A draft of revisions had been received by Dennis, he has not yet had a chance to review the draft copy. He will try to get the revisions into the next minutes.

Also at the same meeting the ASHTO road side design guide was discussed, this manual helps to determine your clear road side (clear zones).

3. Meeting with Art Buck from the contractors association and ACG with ASHTO asking that a resolution be developed on utility delays, contractors wanted ASHTO to endorse or to help the contractors collect monies from utilities on delayed claims. Dennis was able to get the resolution put on hold for further discussion.

Question: Dick McConville asked Dennis about the new federal standard of survey and mapping of facilities on state roads?

Answer: Dennis will get information on this subject when he is in Washington D.C. in January. Paul Kaczorowski mentioned that this subject was discussed in the DOT meeting on November 7, 1991. The department has each of its district on an individual basis developing the scope of how they are going to approach this issue.

Joint Use Subcommittee - Betsy Becker. Met in October. Presented update of Pole Ownership Identification for Cablevision, Power and Telephone. Received updated list of Foreign Attachment Identification Tag Directory.

Discussed the outdated Emergency Directory, it was decided the directory should identify local people to contact in case of emergencies, i.e. dispatch, operations not the top officials. Also recommended this should be accomplished on a DOT District level instead of state wide. This will make it easier to locate information and keep the directory updated. This recommendation will be put forth to the Steering Committee.

In helping to formulate other standards, the Joint Use Subcommittee is looking at devising a model Pole Attachment Agreement with a majority of different types of owners and users committee. We feel if a basic guide was compiled showing the different sections of an agreement from the outlook of owners and users, pole owners might find it useful when a new one is needed.

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

City/County Participation Subcommittee - Tom Kennedy. Looking into Educational opportunity and advised of data base contacts.

Abandonment of Utilities and Disposition of Asbestos Subcommittee Report - Dick McConville. No meeting at this time.

Underground Utility Color Coding Subcommittee - John Bergacker. Meeting scheduled will report at next meeting.

#### STEERING COMMITTEE

Chairman Solis requested Vice-Chairman Sweet to give the Steering Committee report. Sweet announced the Steering Subcommittee met November 7, 1991, with 25 in attendance, including 7 voting members. There was discussion on several items. First the need for better pre-design coordination between consulting engineers and utilities on stat, city and county road projects regarding location of utility facilities within the right-of-way and ways the Fucc could become more proactive in educating design engineers on the utilities requirements.

The need for an updated Emergency Notification Directory at the Local FDOT District level. Most recent directory is dated 1988 and contains names and telephone numbers of company officers rather than service personnel.

Proposed Start Up Articles (Bylaws) for formation of a statewide, non-profit One Call Organization. A recommendation was made by the Steering Committee for formation of an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee to review this issue, including the organization, cost and effectiveness of existing One-Call Systems versus this proposal, for presentation to the Fucc.

The Composition of the Steering Subcommittee, who may bring matters before the Subcommittee, who may vote, etc. All interested parties are invited to attend the Steering Subcommittee meeting and to bring matters of general concern before the Subcommittee for discussion. Voting on all matters brought before the Steering Subcommittee is limited to Steering Subcommittee members only. All voting Steering Subcommittee members should attend as should all active subcommittee chairpersons as referenced in the FUCB Bylaws.

Mark Sweet asked for recommendations on speakers for future FUCB meetings.

A current directory of FUCB Officers, Interest Group and Subcommittee chairpersons was requested for distribution to the FUCB membership. See Attached

Chairman Solis appointed a subcommittee called One Call Organization By Laws Subcommittee. The purpose of this committee will be to educate FUCB members of the benefits of creating the One Call Center Non-profit Organization. It will review the current practices and give recommendations to the FUCB. The Subcommittee members are:

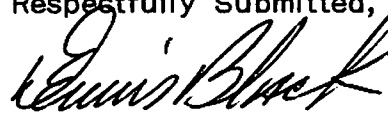
- David Dexler - MCI Chairman
- Mike Capparelli - TECO
- Jeff Rogers - Peoples Gas
- Danny Harris - ATC
- Jerry Davis - General Telephone
- Jose Rodridquez - Miami Dade Water
- Larry Nesmith - Lakeland Electric

Future FUCB Meetings locations and dates:

Tallahassee	February 13 and 14
Tampa	May 7 and 8
St. Augustine	August 6 and 7
Miami	November 5 and 6

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Dennis Black  
Secretary