

FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE

SUMMER MEETING IN ST. AUGUSTINE, FL. ON AUG.6-7.1992

TELEPHONE/CATV GROUP MEETING HAD 30 IN ATTENDANCE
UNITED TELEPHONE CO.HAS HAD 2 HOUR TRAINING FOR ALL OF THERE
EMPLOYEES TO BE AWARE OF ASBESTOS. UNITED HAS ALSO CONTRACTED WITH
6 ABATEMENT COMPANIES TO BE ON CALL WITH A ONE (1) HOUR RESPONSE
FOR THERE STATE OPERATION.

BELL SOUTH HAS A VIDEO SHOWING THE WETTING TECHNIC TO REMOVE
TRANSIT CONDUIT.

UNITED TELEPHONE CO. TALKED ABOUT THE PROBLEMS THEY ARE HAVING WITH
INSIDE WIRING, WHERE NON TWISTED WIRE IS BEING PLACED. THEY ARE
MEETING WITH BUILDERS, CONTRACTORS AND WHO EVER THEY CAN TO TRY TO
SOLVE THE PROBLEM. CENTEL AND BELL SOUTH ALSO STATED THEY WERE HAVE
THE SAME PROBLEMS. SOME COUNTIES ARE LOOKING AT WHO EVER INSTALLS
LOW VOLTAGE WIRING WILL HAVE TO HAVE A LICENSE.

THE GROUP DISCUSSED THE METRIC SYSTEMS CONVERSION AT THE D.O.T.
HOW WILL EACH UTILITY HANDLE IT? BELL SOUTH, UNITED, AND CENTEL
ARE ALL ON CAD SYSTEMS THAT HAVE BUILT IN CONVERSION SOFTWARE. BELL
SOUTH ALSO HAS A CONVERSION BOOK. TAMPA ELECTRIC IS LOOKING AT
CALCULATORS FOR THERE ENGINEERS. HOW WILL THIS BE HANDLED IN THE
ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENTS?

D.O.T. REPORTED ON THE METRIC SYSTEM CONVERSION ON SCHEDULE. THE
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION HAS SET SEPTEMBER 30, 1996 FOR THE
SYSTEM TO BE COMPLETE AND WHOLE.

MR.BOB SEIG SPOKE ON CSX-CROSSING PERMIT PROCEDURES. HE TALKED
ABOUT THE TURN AROUND TIME FOR PERMITS. THIS SHOULD BE BETTER
BECAUSE THEY HAVE CENTRALIZE THIS. IT USE TO BE IN SIX LOCATIONS.
WHAT HAS TO BE ON THE PERMITS.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN MARK SWEET FLORIDA POWER CORP
VICE CHAIRMAN DENNIS BLACK PARAGON CABLE
SECRETARY DAVE HALL UNITED TELEPHONE
HISTORIAN THOMAS DUGGAR CENTEL

NEXT MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 5-6,1992 IN ~~MIAMI~~, FLORIDA
ORLANDO,

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Coordination Through Cooperation

**MINUTES
AUGUST 7, 1992
ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA**

The Summer meeting of the Florida Utility Coordinating Committee was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chairman Carlos Solis with 105 in attendance.

Chairman Solis offered the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Solis asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Spring meeting of May 8, 1992, in Clearwater Beach, Florida. There being no corrections to the minutes of May 8 motions were made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes as is.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

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

Fifty Years Ago - August 21, 1942 Tampa Terrace Hotel - 11 Members -
Officers: Chairman - H.V. Street, Florida Power and Light, B. E. Wilkerson,
of Seaboard Airline Railroad was Vice Chairman and B. A. Galloway of Winter
Park Telephone was Secretary.

Mr. Street, the Chairman, was absent. The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Wilkerson called the meeting to order at 10:35.

Mr. Girtman, of the Florida Railroad Commission, requested a sub-committee be appointed to meet in Tallahassee to make the final changes and arrangements for the new specification for railroad crossings. The following were appointed to this sub-committee:

Mr. Sanley to represent the telephone companies
Mr. H. V. Street to represent the power companies
Mr. L. S. Terrell to represent the Western Union
Mr. C. U. Jellison to represent the railroads

Mr. Warth, Southern Bell, stated there were 104 telephone companies in Florida, only a few come to these meetings. Mr. Girtman volunteered to contact all the phone company officials and urge them to send a representative to these meetings.

Twenty-Five Years Ago - August 4, 1967, Florida Power and Light's Home Service Center, Lake Wales, Florida. Chairman - H. Dean Broome, Tampa Electric, Vice-Chairman - G. A. Reed, Clay electric Co-Op, and Secretary - Jim Tinsley of Southern Bell. Attendance: Power 26, Phone 16, Water & Sewer 4, SRD 5, and Public Service Commission 2, Gas 3, total 56.

Chairman Broome was absent. The meeting was called to order by the Secretary, Mr. Jim Tinsley at 9:30 am.

The election of officers was held and the new Chairman, Mr. Jim Tinsley opened the discussion on the problems arising from the new safety requirements set down by the Federal Bureau of Roads and the State Road Department. A lot more discussion followed. A sub-committee was appointed to work out the details on how policy will be implemented on specific design cases, at the request of Mr. C. J. Schink, State Road Department.

The bill dealing with the theft of copper has passed both Houses and is now a law.

Chairman, Tinsley reported that the Accommodation Guide still has not been received by this committee. If it comes out prior to the next meeting the old sub-committee will be reactivated to handle the finalization with the State Road Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Balance carried forward from May 8, 1992	\$341.81
Receipts	
May 8, 1992, meeting registration 95 in attendance at \$5.00 each.	475.00
Sale of Lapel Pins 7 x \$3.00	21.00
Expenditures	
May 8, 1992 Coffee and danishes	(576.95)
Awards	(188.37)
Balance as of August 6, 1992	\$ 72.49

Chairman Solis postponed the FDOT Report to later on in the meeting. He asked that Mark Sweet introduced the guest speaker.

SPEAKERS

Mark introduced Bob Sieg with CSX Railroad out of Jacksonville to discuss crossing permit procedures and application processing.

Bill Garrett reminded Bob Sieg that according to the By-Laws that CSX Railroad is a member of the FUCC and invited him to attend each quarterly meeting. Bob said he needs to get back to Bill in reference to the meetings.

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FDOT UPDATE

Chairman Solis requested a FDOT update from Jerry Sasser.

Jerry mentioned that there was a lot going on in Tallahassee. They are rewriting The Green Book, Rewriting Plans Preparation Manual. FDOT is developing one book called Florida Design Manual by combining several of their books that now exist.

FDOT is trying to keep up with technology industry and looking at the GIS System, CAD Operations, and strongly suggest digitized utilities.

Dennis LaBelle will expand on the Accommodations Guide.

Jerry introduced Paul Kaczorowski of the Florida D.O.T.

METRIC UPDATE

Paul gave an in depth update on the metric conversion. See attached flow chart for the next five years.

BUSINESS SECTION

FDOT DISTRICT REPORTS

District I - Walt Childs - No report available.

District II - Buddy Dees - The Steering Committee was held on August 17, 1992. The District II Liaison meeting will be held either October 16 or 23rd. Notices will be mailed.

District III - Tom Duggar - At this time the Steering Committee has not had a meeting. There will possibly be a meeting in October.

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District IV - A. DePrimo - No Report.

District V - Richard Taylor - No Report.

District VI - Jim McGetrick - No Report.

District VII - Ray Afeld, Chairman of the FDOT District VII, reported that our last meeting was held on April 3, 1992, at the Innisbrook Golf and Tennis Resort in Tarpon Springs. We had 153 people in attendance which was a new record for a FDOT District meeting.

Nick Zembillas, FDOT District VII Utility Engineer, and his staff will give a workshop on the new utility "Subsurface Locating Program" to be started in the very near future.

- Changes to Utility Accommodations Guide
- Utility Relocation Schedule
- Joint Project Agreements
- Utility Permit Procedures
- Distribute Five Year Road Building Schedule

Turnpike Report

Jim Haynie reported that there was going to be a meeting within the next 60 days. Location was undecided. He introduced his Turnpike Team.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Chairman Solis introduced Chairman of the Awards Committee - Roco DePrimo.

THE MALCOLM YANCEY AWARD

This is the most prestigious award the Florida Utilities Committee can award. The winner of this award is **BILL GARRETT AND CONGRATULATIONS TO BILL!!**

LIAISON PERSON OF THE YEAR

There were two winners this year and they are **PAUL KACZOROWSKI AND DENNIS LABELLE - CONGRATULATIONS TO PAUL AND DENNIS!!**

CHAIRMAN AWARD

Chairman Solis was awarded a plaque for his outstanding service to the FUCC.
A JOB WELL DONE CARLOS!!

INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

Underground - Wayne Darden - Meeting held August 6, 1992 with 19 in attendance. Topics discussed: Recent South Florida Water District Fee Increases for Permits, Asbestos (AC) Pipe, Rail Corridor, and Utility Accommodation Guide.

Telephone/Telecommunications - Dave Hall - Interest group meeting was held August 6, 1992 with 28 people in attendance. Betsy Becker Co-chaired the meeting in the absence of Doug Kettles who could not attend because of job commitments. The meeting time was altered and the length shortened to allow for a combined meeting to discuss the progress of the Utility Accommodations Guide Subcommittee. The following topics were discussed:

Old Business:

1. Utility Accommodation Guide:

In the interest of time, the group was requested to defer comments on the UAG unless something new could be said.

2. FDOT Metric Conversion:

A lengthy discussion took place on this subject. What are we doing to prepare for this conversion? Telephone Companies are looking at CAD conversions; changing their mechanized facility records from the U.S. Customary System to the International (Metric) System. TECO is investigating the availability and cost of Metric conversion calculators for their employees. The CATV companies are taking a "wait and see" position. A Subcommittee was suggested but not accepted; instead, request that Paul Kaczorowski give quarterly reports on the progress of the conversion.

3. Joint Use Subcommittee:

Betsy Becker reported that a few more responses have been received from the Pole Ownership Identification Survey.

New Business:

1. One-Call Bill:

John Farkas announced that Bell South was drafting a One-Call bill to be submitted to the 1993 Florida Legislature. It will be modeled after the Georgia One-Call Law, but more pro utility and fewer excavator perks. The main point is that Bell South will now be pro-active in supporting One-Call Legislation.

2. Consumer Inside Wiring Problems:

Gene McMath distributed copies of a report prepared by a UTF "Quest For Quality" Team. This report addresses the problems that are experienced with substandard four conductor (non-twisted) telephone wiring that has been used by many local building contractors since 1984.

3. Hazardous Mitigation Safety Projects:

John Farkas requested the meeting membership to watch for requests from the FDOT for Hazardous Mitigation Safety Projects. These projects are funded by the Federal Government for safety improvements to roadways, but do not necessarily involve road construction such as paving or drainage. The project that John was familiar with was a roadway in Miami that will require FP&L and Bell Telephone to relocate their poles from 8" behind the curb to 18" behind the curb; a move of 10" and a cost of approximately \$500,000 to the two utility companies.

POWER - LARRY CLAXON - A group meeting was held August 6 with 22 people in attendance.

Glenn reported for the Utility Pole Record Keeping Committee.
Clearances - waiting to receive Sag Charts from ATC Cablevision.

Discussed foreign attachment identification. Mark Sweet passed out list of these companies that have identified with the color and shape of their tags, their contact person and telephone number.

Discussed guying and anchoring requirements for foreign attachments (some allow joint anchors, some don't, and some have specific outlined in the contract, etc).

Discussed joint use trenching (if require back fill and spacing depths, etc. can be more expensive than separate trenches). Dennis talked about new concept where cable and telephone laid in trench prior to need?

UTILITY NOTIFICATION CENTER - JOHN SHELTON - The 1992 proposed Safety and Damage prevention Statue failed to get support in the 1992 session. However, discussion for 1993 has begun and your support is needed for passage.

Call volume and membership continue to increase. During October and November the notification center will install a completely redundant computer for an objective of zero out-of-service time. Enhanced features will not be surpassed by an other center in our country.

Advance planning and pre-construction conferences are necessary but unless the excavator calls and the route of the facilities identified before physical work begins, the underground facilities will be vulnerable to damage; also community and job safety could very possible be in jeopardy.
"CALL BEFORE YOU DIG."

The key to effectiveness of the one-call program is that a single call alerts all underground operators of pending excavations. Each omission of membership diminishes the efficiency and usefulness of the system and takes away from the public safety and cost-saving benefits that could otherwise be achieved.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Utility Accommodation Guide - Dick McConville - A group meeting was held August 6th and an additional meeting was held the morning of the 7th to try and resolve additional issues. Will not meet again until August 26 to go over issues that have not been resolved and at that time we hope to complete the guide.

Joint Use - Betsy Becker - There was no meeting last quarter.

CSX/DOT Right-Of-Way - Tom Dugger - On July 17, 1992 C.J. Blanton called to tell Tom that the Department of Transportation General Council had pulled back Rule Chapter #14.105. D.O.T. Rail Corridor acquisition, management and development procedure. Tom talked with Scott Allbritton on July 29 he told Tom that the general council felt like some of the language was procedural and also got into bounds of contracts. This will put them back at square one, starting the process all over again. Scott did not know how long this will take.

Abandoned Utilities and Asbestos - Dick McConville - A meeting was held in August with 22 members in attendance. The discussion was centered around Asbestos in the right-of-way. In an attempt to understand responsibilities in the right-of-way, handling asbestos a group was formed to prepare a presentation to the FUCC in November.

Arlene Brown McGee has agreed to chair the group and the Sub-Committee in the 92 - 93 year. Thanks to Arlene!

One Call By Law - David Bixler - Dave gave an overview of the One Call Centers. He also stated there was a need for a single One Call Concept for Florida operated by a non-profit One Call Corporation.

Chairman Solis stated that the "support has been granted by the creation of the committee."

Utility Pole Record Keeping - Larry Claxon - Was not present to give report.

Agreement Forms - Ron Worley - No Report.

STEERING COMMITTEE - See attached minutes from Mark Sweet

Chairman Solis called for nominations from the floor. Nominations were closed and officers were approved.

Chairman Solis dissolved all the Sub-Committees and thanked all the Chairmen and members of the committees for their support.

Chairman Solis announced the Awards Sub-Committee and they are as follows:

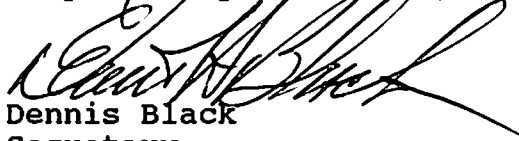
JOHN BERGACKER - CHAIRMAN
NANCY BIESINGER
RON LOPEZ
RAY REBURN

Chairman Solis turned the meeting over to incoming Chairman Mark Sweet. Mark named Steering Committee, Nominating Committee and Sub-Committee Appointments for 92-93 (See Attached).

Chairman Sweet encouraged all members to get involved in the various Sub-Committees. Also, Chairman Mark Sweet sent two letters one to Jerry Sasser - FDOT and the other to Allan Milledge - South Florida Water Management District Governing Board (See both of these letters attached).

With no further business the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Sweet.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dennis Black
Secretary