

MINUTES
MAY 7, 1993
PALM COAST, FLORIDA

The Spring meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee was called to order at 8:42 a.m. by Chairman Mark Sweet with 110 in attendance.

Gary Butler offered the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sweet introduced and thanked Dick Morris, Executive Director of the Flagler County Chamber of Commerce and his assistants Louise Delaere, Palm Coast Utility Corp., and Jessie LeMryne, Florida Power & Light, Daytona for the fine job they did handling our registration. Dick addressed us and welcomed the FUCC to Palm Coast.

Chairman Sweet called for self introductions and acknowledged and thanked our sponsors Tampa Bay Engineering, AT&T, Tri-Duct Corporation and United Fiberglas for the social reception Thursday evening.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Chairman Sweet called on Nick Zembillas to introduce our distinguished guest speaker, Ben Watts, Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation. Secretary Watts talked about the objectives of the FDOT, present and future and their assurance of utility coordination.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chairman Sweet called on Vice-Chairman Dennis Black to give the Treasurer's Report:

Balance as of February 5, 1993 \$ 831.25

Receipts:

February 5, 1993 Meeting Registration \$ 1,040.00
Sale of Lapel Pins \$ 27.00

Expenditures:

Balance as of May 7, 1993 \$ 1,866.25

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Chairmen Sweet called on Mr. Tom Duggar to give the Historian's report, which is attached to these minutes.

Chairmen Sweet asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Fall meeting, February 5, 1993, in Ft. Myers, Florida. There being no corrections, a motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes and waive their reading.

FDOT UPDATE

Chairman Sweet requested an FDOT update from Mr. Larry Noles.

Larry Noles, Assistant State Utility Administrator stated the new Utility Accommodation Manual would take effect June 1, 1993. Work has already started on the 1994 edition.

Larry discussed the FDOT Relocation Schedule and that utility companies and contractors said they were experiencing problems with the current Schedule. One meeting was held in Tallahassee and three meetings in different FDOT Districts with utility contractors and others. There are two more district meetings scheduled for the following week. So far there has been no problems presented by the Utility Contractors Association with the present schedule. Therefore, the probability is very strong that the Relocation Schedule will stay as is.

Larry requested that anyone not present at the Utility Accommodation Manual Subcommittee's presentation Thursday afternoon, please go over the new manual very thoroughly. There are quite a few changes in it that will affect the way we do our business. Example: The FDOT has not been getting the 48 hours notice prior to starting work within the right-of-ways. Sometimes they are not receiving any notice. Any notice, or lack of it, less than the required 48 hours handicaps the FDOT's people.

PROGRAM

Chairman Sweet called on Tom Kennedy, Chairman of the Standards Review Subcommittee to kick off the presentation on FDOT Standards Manuals. The presentations were conducted by:

Clark Scott, State Traffic Plans Engineer who talked about the 600 and 700 Series as well as the Plans and Preparation Manual.

Ernest Garcia, State Specifications Engineer who discussed Joint Project Agreements (JPA) specifications and the procedures and review of changes in FDOT specifications. Ernest pointed out the FDOT has an industry review of changes.

The Subcommittee will investigate the FUCC's participation in this review process, as well as a role in bringing about change in troublesome standards.

BUSINESS SECTION

FDOT DISTRICT REPORTS

District I - Larry Hammond - The Spring meeting was held in March in Sarasota with approximately 70 attendees. District I has progressed based on the support of the eight active local county groups.

It was a pleasure to have the following speakers at our meeting:

- * David May, FDOT District I Secretary with an update on the District.
- * Don Ross, Environmental Engineer who spoke about wetland issues.
- * Walt Childs, FDOT District Utility Engineer and his staff who presented a permitting workshop.

Next on our schedule will be a Steering Committee Meeting to finalize plans for our Fall meeting to be held in September.

District II - Buddy Dees - The District II semiannual Liaison Meeting was held April 23, 1993 at the Holiday Inn in Lake City, Florida from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Our guest speakers were Mr. Grady Greene, District II Secretary, Mr. Jerry Sasser, State Utility Administrator, and Mr. Jim Dickenson, Jacksonville Electric Authority.

- * Mr. Grady Greene spoke on the FDOT Five Year Work Plan and extended his appreciation to the utility companies for their cooperation.
- * Mr. Jerry Sasser spoke on the FDOT Utility Accommodation Manual.
- * Mr. Jim Dickenson on Electric Magnetic Fields.

District III - Gladys Griggs - The District Fall Liaison meeting will be held in August, 1993. District III has 6 active area utility groups. The utility agencies have been invited to the quarterly contractors meetings. The meeting will be in May, 1993.

District IV - R. DePrimo - District IV continues to be very active with the local utility groups and has a monthly mailing to all utility companies to keep them informed about the FDOT's yearly program.

District V - Joe Nero - The Liaison Conference was held February 11, 1993 at the Holiday Inn in Altamonte Springs. There was 150 people in attendance. The 5 year work plan was distributed. A work book on Joint Participation Agreements was handed out to all those in attendance to better familiarize themselves with participation and involvement with JPAs. The next meeting is scheduled for mid July 1993.

District VI - Jim McGetrick - The next District VI meeting will be held in Miami in June 1993.

District VII - Steven Tidwell - The Spring District VII Utility Liaison Conference was held at the Holiday Inn Surfside in Clearwater Beach on March 26, 1993 with approximately 130 in attendance. The following were guest speakers:

- * Greg Xanders, Partnering Coordinator, Central Office Design gave an outstanding presentation outlining the concept of partnering and the theme "PUTTING THE HANDSHAKE BACK IN CONSTRUCTION".
- * Chuck Walter, Environmental Specialist, District VII Environmental Permit Section spoke about the impact of NPDES requirements on the utility industry.
- * Jerry Sasser, State Utility Administrator gave an update on the FDOT Utility Accommodation Manual.

Recently, Paul Kaczorowski, State Metric Engineer visited the District VII office and gave the first course on Metric Conversion to both the FDOT and utility representatives. The course helped lessen apprehensions toward the upcoming FDOT transition to the Metric System.

The next meeting will be in September, 1993.

FLORIDA TURNPIKE REPORT - Jim Haynie - There have been two meetings this year; one in Ft. Lauderdale and one in Orlando. The Turnpike is part of the FDOT and has not been an "Authority" since 1969. The Turnpike is part of the FDOT and is, and has been, included in the FDOT Utility Accommodation Manual.

INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

Because of the Utility Accommodation Manual presentation by Dennis LaBelle's Subcommittee on Thursday afternoon, there were no Interest Group Meetings.

UTILITY NOTIFICATION CENTER - Margaret Smith - Margaret gave a report which is attached to these minutes.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY ACCOMMODATION MANUAL - Dennis LaBelle - This subcommittee presented a very comprehensive review of the Utility Accommodation Manual on Thursday afternoon. The presentation agenda is attached to these minutes.

JOINT USE - Buddy Bowyer - The subcommittee has met twice since the last FUCC meeting; on March 23 and April 28 with 11 and 12 in attendance respectively.

Subdivision designs were submitted by Power, Telephone and CATV companies. These designs are currently being compared. Also, practices and procedures are being written. Cross sectional drawings have been developed and are being reviewed.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 17, 1993 at 9:30 a.m. at the Florida Power General Office Complex.

The committee extended their thanks and appreciation to Ray Afeld for his contributions and wish him well in his retirement.

CSX/FDOT Right-of-Ways - Tom Duggar - A public hearing was held on February 25, 1993 for the FDOT Rule Chapter 14-105, Rail Corridor Management and Development. The Rule is to be adopted on May 19, 1993. There were utility company and outdoor advertising industry representatives present to seek solutions to problems they had with the rule. A copy of the utility company comments are attached to these minutes. Draft copies of the rule will be available at the registration desk in Jupiter Beach.

ASBESTOS - No Report

ONE-CALL NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION - Dan Buol - The One-Call Corporation has been formed. An information letters, with a timetable of events included, was distributed and is attached to these minutes.

NOTE: On May 14, 1993 the One-Call Bill became law.

RECORD KEEPING - Larry Claxton - Because of changing events, both recent and in the past, Larry recommended the disbanding of this subcommittee. A motion was made to do so by Ray Afeld, seconded and passed.

JOINT USE R/W RELOCATION AGREEMENTS - Ron Worley - There has not been much activity with this subcommittee lately. Ron requested members call him and advise of problems or interests they have with any of the agreement forms so he may determine if this subcommittee is still needed.

STANDARDS REVIEW - Tom Kennedy - The subcommittee prepared the presentations for the May 7, 1993 FUCC Business Meeting. See the "PROGRAM" section of these minutes above.

RAILROAD PERMITS - MAX WALLACE - No Report.

FDOT PAY ITEM STANDARDIZATION - Carlos Solis - The subcommittee has met twice since the FUCC Winter Meeting and completed 90% of the task they had set for themselves. They will be meeting with the FDOT within the next week or so to review their proposal of Pay Items and make necessary proposed changes and adjustments. After that, Carlos said the subcommittee can be disbanded.

STEERING SUBCOMMITTEE - Dennis Black - The subcommittee met briefly on May 5, 1993 with 22 people in attendance. Dennis reminded the everyone that they are always welcome to attend the Steering Subcommittee Meetings. The FDOT's Metric Timetable was discussed and that the UAM will contain metric in 1994.

At the suggestion of Dennis LaBelle, we will invite Paul Kaczorowski, State Metric Engineer to provide a metric overview at our next meeting in Jupiter Beach on May 5, 1993.

Larry Claxton asked the Steering Subcommittee to form a new subcommittee to study the details of FDOT street lighting project.

Larry also requested that the Utility Pole Record Keeping Subcommittee, that he is Chairman of, be disbanded.

Dennis LaBelle recommended scheduling an FDOT Map/Print Reading Seminar as program for a future FUCC meeting. The Steering Committee will consider this possibility for our Fall Meeting November 4 and 5, 1993.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Sweet addressed the matter of forming the new Street Lighting Subcommittee and appointed Nick Zemillas as Chairman. Mark requested any electric utility representatives that have an interest in serving on this subcommittee to please contact Nick.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Sweet said that GTE Florida, Inc has announced an another incentive for early retirement. One of our long time FUCC members, Ray Afeld, has accepted their retirement plan. Ray has been with GTE 36 years and has been a very active member of the FUCC since 1975.

Also opting for the GTE early retirement plan is Woody Luke who has been an FUCC member since 1989.

They both will retire on May 21, 1993. Mark expressed, for all of us, that they are both going to be missed very much.

Respectfully Submitted,

David W. Hall
Secretary