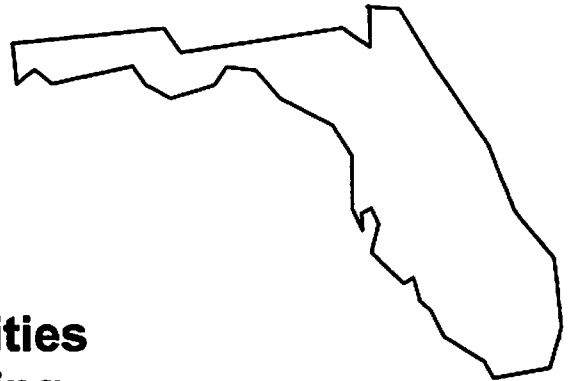


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MEETING MINUTES
August 7, 1998
Daytona Beach, Florida

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Tom Duggar
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Jerrold Whitt gave the opening invocation and tribute to the flag. David E. Pellico called the Summer Meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee to order at 8:30 a.m. with 71 representatives/members and 4 visitors in attendance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Bill Hetherington

A motion was made by Billy Hattaway, seconded, and passed by a majority vote to waive the reading of the minutes of the Spring Meeting held in Plantation, Florida, on May 8, 1998.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT – Tom Duggar

Fifty Years Ago – August 13, 1948 – George Washington Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida
Chairman – E. M. Menendez, Southeastern Telephone Company
Vice-Chairman – B. B. Galloway, Winter Park Telephone Company
Secretary – V. R. Parrack, Florida Power Corporation.

Attendance – Telephone 9, Power 5, Railroad 1, Railroad & Public Utility Commission 1, Consultant 1. Total of 17.

Old Business: Mr. Parrack reported upon an attempt to get further information on the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices" from the American Association of State Highway Officials. A letter was read from their executive secretary stating the manual would not be ready until August. The extent to which this association may be recognized was discussed.

The matter of changes to wire crossings because of house moving, etc., was discussed. It was pointed out that the State Railroad Commission licenses house movers to make specific moves if the heights exceed a certain minimum. Also pointed out that all taxicabs, buses, sightseeing companies, moving companies are licensed by the Railroad Commission.

A report was given about "The Southeastern Utility Radio Coordinating Committee." It pointed out the present status of the frequency allocation problems to utility users and referred to successful use of the ground plane folded unipole-type antenna as increasing station range.

Discussion followed that two channels of commercial mobile telephone service were contemplated in Miami, and this type of service (one-channel) is to go in operation in Jacksonville this month. It was also pointed out that the channel through which they would handle frequency assignments and related requirements is the independent telephone group.

A request for closer cooperation in keeping ample clearance between the AT&T circuits and secondary circuits or services which cross each other. AT&T has about 800 miles of open line in the state and that recently a 150-mile section was energized by a 110-volt contact at a crossing.

It was pointed out that short notice on road widening projects was gradually becoming acute again.

Twenty Five Years Ago – August 3, 1973 – Marriott Hotel, Miami, Florida
Chairman – Larry Housel, J. E. Greiner Company
Vice Chairman – W. J. Hopgood, Florida Power and Light Company
Secretary – Andy Palmer, Southern Bell

Attendance – Telephone 8, Power 14, Gas 3, DOT 8, Consultant 3, Counties 2, Others 1.
Total of 39.

Mr. Paul Mundy, (General Telephone, Tampa) Chairman, Plant Protection Subcommittee, reported on the meeting on August 2 for the purpose of reviewing all material received to date on plant protection systems. Some five such systems have responded with information about their system, all of which are outside of Florida. A few utilities in the state are operating systems for their own protection; however, multi-utility systems are in the planning stage in other areas with the Pinellas County plan making good progress.

A film entitled "The Cutest Little Number in Town," prepared for the Houston area to advertise their system, was shown illustrating the use of various colors and a single number to call. The discussion that followed indicated there was considerable interest in such a system, if not for the entire state, then for each major metropolis area.

A report from the Utility Accommodations Guide Subcommittee stated that the most recent mailing of the guide failed to contain changes which were understood to have been agreed to in meetings previously held in Tallahassee with the Department of Transportation officials for this purpose. The subcommittee recommended another meeting to point out these omissions and to state once again the portions of the guide which are still unacceptable to some of the state utility organizations.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Hamid Zahir

The balance after the Spring Meeting is \$1,529.78

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UPDATE – Ken Weldon

Mr. Weldon reported that the final UAM Workshop has been scheduled. He then presented a handout covering the following topics:

- UAM November 1998 target date set by FDOT
- DEP survey on conflict manholes
- FDOT National Survey on Utility Relocation Issues
- State Design Conference (only 5 utilities attended)
- Future workshops at next four FUCC meetings
 - Exception Process
 - MOT
 - Pay Items
 - Two-day workshop on selected topics
- JPA
- Revised Pole/Post Research Scope of Services (University of Florida)
- WordPerfect Forms in-lieu of InForms until internet version available

John Jernigan distributed a handout on GTE area code change (727) effective February 1, 1999.

GUEST SPEAKER – Paul Scott, FHWA – ICTEA Act

Mr. Scott reviewed the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century Highway Bill, commonly known as TEA21.

- Rebuilding America's highways and empire
- Improving safety
- Protection of the environment
- Impact on utilities
 - One Call
 - record investment
 - more money
 - highway projects
 - relocations
 - urban ROW needs
 - ITS (Intelligent Transportation System)
 - \$217 billion six-year program
 - * \$21.5 billion 1998
 - * \$27.8 billion 2003
 - * Original ISTEA was \$155 billion

For more information, see the distributed brochure or visit FHWA's home page at www.fhwa.dot.gov/tea21. Mr. Scott can be telephoned at (202)366-4104 or e-mailed at paul.scott@fhwa.dot.gov.

Chairman Pellico presented a speaker appreciation award.

BUSINESS SESSION

FDOT DISTRICT REPORTS

District I – Jerrold R. Whitt

The District I Semiannual Meeting will be held on September 9, 1998, at the City of Palmetto Golf & Country Club. The cost will be \$16. The theme for this meeting is JPAs, and there will be a mystery guest speaker.

District I, in partnership with District V, has started a statewide JPA training seminar. These are being held at the request of the utility companies interested in starting to do JPAs. Anyone interested can contact Jerrold Whitt or Roy Brentley to schedule one.

Also, District I is holding training on the Utility Schedule at the request and/or urging of the District I utility staff.

District II – Vince Camp

A Utility Liaison Meeting was held June 1, 1998 at Holiday Inn, Lake City, Florida. There were 95 in attendance. Local roadway contractors were also invited.

During the morning session there were demonstrations on directional boring from Molehead Directional Boring, Palm Coast Vacuum Excavation, Tampa Bay Engineering, and Utiliscope Corporation. In the afternoon session, the keynote speaker was Mr. Bob Burleson, FTBA President. The remainder of the meeting included a Utilities Update with discussion on FDOT one-number and permit issues, Sunshine State One Call update, and open discussion on road building/utility coordination.

Raffling of door prizes closed out the session. General sponsors were Alltel Communication, AT&T, Ditch Witch, F. R. Aleman, Florida Gas Transmission, Florida Power Corp., George F. Yount, Gulf Island Pipe, Henkels & McCoy, Jacksonville Area Utility Coordinating Committee, Lochrane Engineering, TECO/People's Gas, and United Water of Florida. Exhibitors/Sponsors included Sunshine State One Call, Tampa Bay Engineering, Insituform Technologies, Molehead Directional Boring, No Cuts, and Utiliscope Corp.

District III – Sunny DeCoster, Sr.

The next District III Utility Liaison Committee Meeting will be held August 28, 1998, at the Harbor House in Panama City, Florida. The items on the proposed agenda are selective clearing and grubbing update, by Brian Blanchard; proposal to use the plans consultant to perform utility negotiation, by Hal Gore, Jr.; five-year work plan update, by Gene Martin; results of the JPA research survey, by Steven Tidwell; and Utility Adjustment Plans suggested improvements, by Vince Camp. All are welcome to attend.

District IV – Rocky DePrimo

The District IV Utility Office completed the mailout of its five-year work program to all utilities within the District. The District continues to mail out the monthly status report on all projects in the production and letting cycles. The District has initiated a proactive approach to advance utility relocation. Utility companies who have submitted a relocation schedule on a project will be sent final plans at the production date, which is usually seven months prior to construction beginning.

District V

The District V Liaison Conference is scheduled for January 1999, site and date yet to be determined.

Richard Taylor was recognized as an 18-year FUCC member. Richard has recently retired from FDOT and will be working for TBE. He will still be available to provide his input to FUCC. Thank you, Richard, for your years of dedication.

District VI – Jim McGetrick.

The next meeting has been rescheduled for the end of October. It will be at the Rusty Pelican, Miami, Florida. Speakers will be announced at a later date.

District VII – Art Gilmore

The next meeting will be held September 18, 1998, at the Plantation Inn, Crystal River, Florida. All are invited. The agenda will be mailed in August.

TURNPIKE UPDATE – Jim Haynie

All of S. C. Parkway is advertised and/or under construction. Polk Parkway from I-4 to south Florida is scheduled to open Sunday. The SUE contract for the Turnpike will be executed next week. The Design Build Contract for the new district office at Turkey Lake is being advertised.

UTILITY NOTIFICATION CENTER REPORT – Bill Heath

	1998	1997	Inc./Dec.
Tickets	555,298	513,058	8.23%
Transmission	4,353,851	3,263,492	33.41%
Phone Calls	288,053	287,504	.19%
Speed of Answer	25.93	19.75	-
Total Members	491		
Associate Members	80		

Counties with highest ticket volumes: 1-Broward, 2-Dade, 3-Palm Beach.

Transition Update: New building in DeBary is progressing on schedule. The new call center will be on-line January 4, 1999.

INTEREST GROUPS REPORT

Power – Chuck Easterling

Twenty-eight members were in attendance.

Topics of discussion:

- FCG update and discussion
 - UAM Draft review and comments
 - 3R hazard zones
 - Benefit/cost analysis
- Permits process
- FDOT proposed subordination form discussion
- NEC vs. NESC area lighting issues – PSC

New Power Interest Group Chairman – Art Gilmore, Florida Power Corp.

Telecommunications – Earl Christian

Twenty-one members were in attendance.

Topics of discussion:

- Crossing on railroad R/W and associated charges by these companies
- Low-speed rail in Orlando
- GTE's pro-active damage-prevention campaign
- Sunshine One Call's enforcement video availability
- Draft version of DOT's Subordinate Agreement
- Sprint's emergency restoration procedures and policies
- Concerns about poles with 6-foot bases being placed in the limited area of R/W
- Concerns about the amount of time it takes the DER to approve permits or even determine if it falls under their jurisdiction

Underground – Bob Janowski, Pinellas County

Approximately 20 members were in attendance.

JPA Survey Update – Steve Tidwell

- Delivered draft to DOT
- Survey was well received by utility; however, there were concerns such as streamlining system. Handbooks need to be produced and issued.
- Final document – tentatively in 30 days

Sunshine State One Call Update – Cheryl Ritter

- Status of new building – completion by January 1
- New software that will be available on Internet
- Producing video for contractors – January 1

General Discussion – JPA Utility Estimate vs. Contractor's Price

- Discussed ways to prevent problem with contractors possibly front-loading utility work to lower roadway cost with the intent of getting the job
- Billy Hattaway to get back with L. Washington on this problem

New Underground Interest Group Chairman – Lawree Washington, TECO (PGAS)

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

UAM – Ken Weldon

An update was given.

Addendum to UAM Report - Tom Kennedy (09/14/98)

The UAM Subcommittee met on May 28, 1998, and formulated a response which was presented at the FDOT UAM Workshop on May 29, 1998. The response largely reiterated points made at the previous workshop and made the same requests for changes.

Some points made by FDOT at the workshop include:

- Criteria from the PPM will now be placed in the UAM and be the criteria to follow until a new version of the UAM is adopted.
- Exceptions will be required for deviations on all new construction, RRR projects, and new utility installations.

It is anticipated that another workshop will be scheduled in late November 1998.

Joint Use – Mark Sweet

No report.

Electronic Permitting – Bill Hetherington

No report.

FDOT Pay Items – Carlos Solis

No report.

By-Laws Review – Jan Sands Ash

No report.

CADD Transfer – Jan Sands Ash

An overview of Thursday's presentation was given.

Conference Planning – Betsy Becker

- Future meetings:
 - November 1998, Adams Mark, Clearwater, Florida
 - February 1999, Ocala Hilton, Ocala, Florida
 - May 1999, Jupiter Beach, Florida
 - July/August 1999, Marco Island Hilton, Marco Island, Florida
- FDOT will be attending these meetings.
- Sponsors are needed.
- Thank you's go to One Call for the trade show at this meeting.

Membership – Dan Buol

Hamid Zahir, Treasurer, will be retiring. Cheryl Ritter will fill the Treasurer's position with assistance from Tom Duggar as Co-Treasurer.

Steering – John Jernigan, Vice Chairman

- Proposal to raise registration fees to offset higher costs for hotels and restaurants
- Conference Planning Committee to make decision on Thursday evening activities as monies are available
- Bylaw changes approved Jan Ash
- Next confirmed meeting is November 4, 5, 6, 1998 – Adam's Mark, Clearwater, Florida
- Nominations Subcommittee Chuck Easterling

Program Planning – Dennis LaBelle

Plans are under way for the Second Annual Educational Seminar at the May meeting. Topics include Pole Loading Analysis, Steve Hodgin; What is a Locate, Bob Milliken and Bill Heath; Micro Tunneling – Directional Boring/Jack & Bore, Carlos Solis; Communication Interest Group Presentation by Bell South, Rich Goodman; Highway Safety, Ken Weldon; and CADD Interface Update, Jan Ash and Bill Gerry.

Chairman Pellico handed out recognition plaques to the following sponsors: ICF Kissen; PB&J; Pledger, Inc.; Bell South; Soft Dig; and Metcalf & Eddy.

Chairman Pellico presented two Liaison Person of the Year Awards. Thomas F. Kennedy has represented Florida Power Corp. in many planning and coordinating committees since 1981. Kenneth E. Weldon has held both public and private positions in Florida's utility industry since 1966.

Chairman Pellico presented the Malcolm Yancey Award to Thomas J. Duggar, Jr. Mr. Duggar has served not only the FUCC in various committees, task teams, and offices, but has also served in a service organization in his community for over 20 years.

Nominations were made for the FUCC Secretary; Chuck Easterling was selected. William Hetherington moves to the Vice-Chairman position, and John Jernigan becomes the FUCC Chairman.

With no further discussions or comments, the meeting is adjourned by Chairman John Jernigan.

The next meeting will be held in November, 1998, at Adams Mark, Clearwater, Florida.


William F. Hetherington, P.E.
Secretary, FUCC

FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE
MEETING AUGUST 5-7, 1998 DAYTONA BEACH, FL.

Thursday afternoon Educational Seminar ... the following was presented

First session

POLE LOADING ANALYSIS

WHAT IS A LOCATE ?

MICRO TUNNELING - DIRECTIONAL BORING/JACK & BORE

Talked about the different types and the distance and size of bores

Second session

BELL SOUTH DISASTER RECOVERY

Bell South has 1500 C.O.s and 35,000 pair gain units in 9 states

They have set up in 5 staging areas 2,000 local generators and 1,200 regional generators

They have trailers, fuel and servicing fleets lined up.

They have a tracking system by site statues when each unit is placed.

Linked to map program and linked to GPS locations.

FDOT-- HIGHWAY SAFETY

Road side clear zone a video on the Washington State program

CADD INTERFACED UPDATE

Showed a presentation of some FDOT drawings and what could be done,

A translation disk should be out in September for Microstation users.

Friday meeting

FDOT --UPDATE

At the FDOT Design Conference in Orlando in July 1400 FDOT and contractors attended and only 5 utility people showed up. 4 from Sprint and 1 from the City of Tallahassee Ken Weldon was very concerned about hoe the utility companies are not taking advantage of what is available to the utilities companies.

FDOT HOME PAGE www.dot.state.fl.us

SEE ATTACHED FOR ADDITIONAL UP DATE

UPDATE ON THE 1998 FEDERAL HIGHWAY ACT MR. PAUL SCOTT / FHWA

Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) HWY. Bill

6 year program from 1998 - 2003 a min of \$198 billion the max. of \$217 billion.

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FHWA HOME PAGE WWW.FHWA.DOT.GOV/TEA21 for additional information on the bill.

Richard Taylor had retired from the FDOT Dist. 5 and is working for Tampa Bay Engineering

New officer John Jernigan - GTE - Chairman, Bill Hetherington - Lee County Co-op - Vice Chairman,

Chuck Easterling - Orlando Utilities - Secretary, Tom Duggar - Sprint -Historian .

AWARDS

Liaison Person of the year - Ken Weldon - FDOT and Tom Kennedy - FPC for working on UAM

The Malcom Yancy Award - Tom Duggar - Sprint

The next meeting will be on November 4-6, 1998 at the Adam's Mark in Clearwater Beach, Florida

FUCC home page www.fucc.org to look up the minutes and meeting location information.

FEB. 3-5 IN Ocala HILTON

MAY JUPITER BEACH AREA

AUG. July 28-30 MARCO ISLAND HILTON