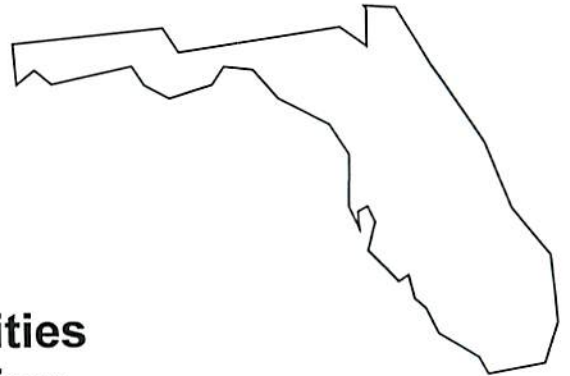


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Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee

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SUMMER

MEETING MINUTES

August 4, 2000

St. Petersburg, Florida

Beach

Chairman
William
Hetherington
941-656-2157

Vice Chairman
Charles Easterling
407-737-4203

Secretary
Janice Sands Ash
813-221-2300

Historian
Tom Duggar
850-599-1543

Chairman William (Bill) Hetherington gave the opening invocation and tribute to the flag. Chairman Bill Hetherington called the Summer Meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee to order at 8:30 a.m. with 82 representatives/members and 24 spouses/visitors registered attendance.

Chairman Hetherington announced that we are trying a new schedule for the meetings that condenses the redundancy of reporting and concentrates on speakers. There will be no formal business attire required for Friday meetings.

Chairman Hetherington offered thanks for continuing support of: Ash Engineering, Florida Department of Transportation, Osmose, Safedig, Post Buckley Schuh & Jernigan, ACLS (No Cuts), T.B.E., Harding Lawson Associates, Softdig, and Sunshine State One-Call Center of Florida. Sponsorship plaques were presented to our newest sponsors: TECO and Time Warner. FUCC will continue to have exhibitors at meetings.

Standard District Reports will be omitted from the programs. Written reports should be submitted to the Secretary for posting on the Website.

If anyone is having problems getting onto the website, please type in the IP address shown in the minutes header. Please call Bill Hetherington if you have any problems accessing the website. We may be changing the website name due for obvious reasons.

w/ WORLD WIDE FIBER OPTICS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS -

Betsy Becker was announced to be the new Secretary by general election of the membership. The new Chairman was announced as Mr. Chuck Easterling, and the new Vice Chairman Janice Sands Ash. Mr. Bill Hetherington was presented with the outgoing Chairman award.

ORLANDO UTILITIES COMMISSION

w/ ASH ENGINEERING *KEE Co. COOP*

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Janice Sands Ash

A motion was made by Jerrold Whitt to waive the reading of the minutes of the Fall Meeting held in Key Largo, Florida, on May 5, 2000. The motion was seconded, and passed by a majority vote. There were 150 FUCC notices sent out by e-mail, 100 by batch fax and 100 by regular mail. There will be website notices changes sent out by email. Job openings will also be posted by emails through the industry. For efficiency and time, please make sure that you get your email address in to the registration table. We will be sending out notices by email that you don't want to miss.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT - Tom Duggar

FIFTY YEARS AGO - AUGUST 11, 1950, JACKSONVILLE, FL

CHAIRMAN - V. R. PARRACK, FLORIDA POWER CORP
VICE-CHAIRMAN - L. G. ZELENKA, AT&T COMPANY
SECRETARY - ARTHUR M. BROWN, FLORIDA TELEPHONE CORPORATION.

NO MINUTES OF THIS MEETING

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO: AUGUST 1, 1975 - SHERATON HOTEL, COURT OF FLAGS RESORT HOTEL, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

ATTENDANCE: TELEPHONE 9, POWER 11, FDOT 6, CITY 1, CATV 1,
GAS 2, CONSULTANT 1. A TOTAL OF 30.

CHAIRMAN - H.V. GARDNER JR., ORLANDO UTILITIES COMMISSION
VICE CHAIRMAN - W.J. HOPGOOD, FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT CO.
SECRETARY - B.A. KEMPSON, GULF POWER COMPANY

There is one member that attended that meeting that is still active with the FUCC. Dennis LaBelle.

The "One Call system" Sub-committee reported that since May of 1973, when the subcommittee was appointed, there have been considerable studies and research regarding other programs already established throughout the nation. In the Tampa Bay area, a program is to commence in the very near future. Space has already been allocated, equipment and furniture ordered and personnel hired to man this office. A draft of the agreement is being sent to prospective participating members with hope that they will join the program, which covers six counties. Pinellas, Pasco, Manatee, Sarasota, Polk and Hillsborough. During the report it was mentioned that Dade County is also very advanced in their "One Call System" Program. They expect to be operational by the first of 1976. The Orlando,

Orange and Seminole County System is working their contractual agreements to be approved by six of the major utilities in the area.

NEW BUSINESS: The next order of business the Chairman brought before the membership the problem that the Committee has in the past securing sponsors for future meetings. It had been entertained to shift to Dutch treat meetings; however, not having a Treasurer to take care of lunch collections and foreseeing problems securing a place to just hold meetings could present difficulties. After a brief discussion by the membership, it was apparent that they favored continuing with the present system. (A Company would sponsor the meeting, getting the meeting room and would include a sit down lunch on Friday)

TREASURER'S REPORT – Cheryl Ritter

All account information is kept on Quickbooks. We are looking to put the 2000-2001 budget on the website and various other reports. The account information is:

Bank Balance -	\$ 3771.00
May Registration-	\$ 1640.00 (82 registered @ \$20.00)
	\$ 240.00 (24 Spouses registered @ \$10.00)
Meeting Expense	<u>-\$ 5500.00</u>
Remaining Balance	\$ 2046.50

Special Announcements

John Jernigan of the Awards/Nomination committee chairman presented:

Liaison of the Year Award was presented to Carlos Solis.

Malcolm Yancey Award was presented to Arlene Brown.

PROGRAM

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION UPDATE - Paul Scott

Paul Scott provided an update of the activities and progress made by the FHWA.

- South Carolina will be trying to perform 27 years of roadway work in 7 years. It is called the 27/7 program with FHWA removing some of the roadblocks.
- Trying to raise the \$100,000.00 upper limit for reimbursement by lump sum.
- AASHTO committee on Utilities in the ROW met in Savannah in July, then went to Europe to see when they are doing. The utility systems in Europe are all underground.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UPDATE – Greg Williams

The Central Office report may be found on the desk and attached.

There were no comments made to the New FDOT Directional Bore Specifications by any utility. This needs to be looked at by each utility and commented. There should be some response from the Utility industry on these draft specifications.

UTILITY NOTIFICATION CENTER REPORT – Cheryl Ritter

Sunshine State One-Call of Florida, Inc.

11 Plantation Road, DeBary, FL 32713

Phone (407) 575-2000 Fax (407) 575-2030

The current membership total 593 with 112 associate members. The week of August 20th to 26th is designated as "Dig Safely Week". We encourage you to recognize those employees that make effort to prevent damage. There will be radio and television commercials in the Tampa, Miami, Orlando and Jacksonville area. Time Warner did put a public service announcement for Call Sunshine on their program. Any cable company that would like can put the Call Sunshine commercials in their program as PSA's, please contact Cheryl. On July 1, legislation was passed; Statute 556 has been modified in the Excavate Guide. Call Sunshine is hiring a liaison for the Tampa area. If you are interested, please contact Cheryl. Please see attached report for statistics and other information.

Report submitted by Cheryl Ritter, Marketing Director
Phone: 954/389-7328 Fax: 954/349-8287 Email: Ritterssoc@aol.com

BUSINESS SESSION

FDOT DISTRICT REPORTS

District I (Bartow) – Jerrold Whitt

The Fall District 1 Liaison meeting will be held September 23, 2000 at the Holiday Inn in Venice Fla. The agenda is to be announced. Steering committee will be meeting the week of August 14.

District II (Lake City) –Vince Kamp
No Report

District III (Tallahassee) – Donna Nichols
No Report

District IV (Ft. Lauderdale) –Rocco DePrimo
No Report

District V (Deland)—Bill Richards
No Report

District VI (Miami) – Jim McKetrick
No Report

District VII (Tampa) – Armando Hernandez
Our new District Utility Engineer is Sonny Decoster. The Spring District 7 Liaison meeting will be held at the Plantation Inn Resort at Crystal River on September 29,

2000. The agenda will include reimbursement procedures and how to get your money back. There will be a golf tournament to follow.

TURNPIKE UPDATE – Jim Haynie

Beginning August 14, 2000, the turnpike District utility Section will be located in its new Headquarters Building located at the Turkey Lake Service Plaza. All Correspondence should be sent to the attention of Mr. James Haynie at:

From TALLAHASSEE

Turnpike MP 263
Building 5315
Ocoee, Florida 34761
(407) 532-3999

or

P.O. Box 783069
Winter Garden, Florida 34787

Jim Haynie can be reached via email at James.Haynie@dot.state.fl.us
Larry Hayduk email is Lawrence.Hayduk@dot.state.fl.us
Rodney Little email is Rodney.Little@dot.state.fl.us

INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

Power –Rosemary Gruenbaum

Seventeen (17) members were in attendance

Topics of discussion:

- New Chairman David Kuhlman
- Fucc Website Committee
- FDOT Proposed Boring Specifications
- FDOT Requests for Drainage Facilities to be placed within transmission corridors
- Progress of Subcommittee reviewing the FDOT subordination of utility interests agreement
- PSC concerns regarding the increasing number of gas main cuts by UG contractors
- Research Project concerning the study of flicker problems caused by A/C units with scroll compressors.

Telecommunications – John Pugh

Thirty two (32) were in attendance.

Topics for Discussion:

- Pole tagging for identification with all the new companies coming into the area. In the case of emergency, who to notify needs to be on it.
- Discussed a master list for contacts that could be put on the Internet. Maybe the local utility groups or the FDOT districts manage it. It could be put on the Fucc website.
- There was a Verizon commercial break
- Discussion about Delay Claims from FDOT regarding ordering problems. Let FDOT know as soon as possible to prevent delay claims.

- A problem about CSX taking over 6 months to schedule a flagman after the permit was approved.
- Florida Railroad Company is requesting a 43 foot clearance
- New Chairman is Mike Brady of Mastec North America.

Underground – Steve Tidwell

Twenty-eight (28) members were in attendance. There was a discussion about the following topics:

- Cheryl Ritter gave a Sunshine One-call Update. Discussed the Miami/Dade Ordinance on Utility verification requirements for Boring Contractors.
- Handouts were provided to attendees on: Cost Study of Utility Impacts on Highway Projects (FHWA/FDOT), FHWA Publications on accommodation of utilities on Fed-Aid funded projects.
- Discussion on the new specification that required contractors to coordinate all contractor induced changes with all involved utilities.
- New Chairman – John Murphy GAI

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Steering –Chuck Easterling
No Report

Website- Dave Appler

The website committee has met on a few occasions. They are taking their first steps on putting together the statewide database. He will be contacting each utility to get information for the formulation of the website.

Subordination – Arlene Brown

The Subordination Subcommittee met Wednesday morning. There is the final draft of the agreement that is going to be posted on the website. There will be a two week review period in August. Then it will be finalized.

UAM/ Standards – Carlos Solis

The committee has met twice, July 12 and August 2 in conjunction with this meeting.

After a series of discussions the subcommittee members agreed that based upon previous attempts to describe or develop a typical utility cross section, which will not provide a usable layout of utilities within the R/W, the most affective way of accomplishing those objectives is to develop a matrix that will include the following utility characteristics and constraints:

1. Material type/ protection requirements
2. Operational requirements
3. Code/regulatory constraints
4. Optimum /desirable/ minimum separations
5. Corrosion protection /coatings/ material constraints

6. Maintenance/ service connections/constraints
7. Pressure ratings/ voltages
8. Special Considerations
9. Observations/ Notes

All this information will provide quick reference and information about other utilities' constraints to designers, contractors, utilities, etc. without having to review volumes of specifications or technical manuals.

This matrix will be divided into two sections; the first one will include all pipeline type facilities (water, sanitary, storm, reclaim/reuse, gas, hot oil, fuels, etc.), the second will include all facilities that utilize cables as a mean to convey their service or product (power, telecommunications, cable TV, etc.)

We are currently developing the final format for this matrix and obtaining information regarding all facilities and constraints. We will have another meeting between now and the next FUCC meeting in November and we expect to present the finished product to the full Committee then.

Joint Use – Earl Christian
No report.

Electronic Permitting – Bill Hetherington
There is still ongoing Beta testing being done with District One.

FDOT Pay Items – Carlos Solis
No report.

CADD Transfer – Jan Ash
CADD Utility Database – No Report

CADD Transfer – No Report.

Membership – Janice Sands Ash (813) 221-2300
There were 34 responses.
Overwhelming positive response to Continental Breakfast, Evening Reception and Hospitality Suite. The most common reason is the networking. Pamphlet is overwhelmingly liked. Improvements would be maybe speaker information and maybe a little more information about the area we are staying.

Conference Planning – Eddy Garcia

- The next meeting will be set in Rolling Hill Resort in Fort Lauderdale Florida.

Program Planning – Dennis LaBelle (305) 279-8614
They are looking to have a full day presentation by Dr. Wong at a future meeting.
We are trying to get a tour of the Dolphins training facility for an evening event.

IN FT. LAUDERDALE –

* SEE NEXT Sheet

Adjournment

With no further discussions or comments, Chairman Hetherington adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am.

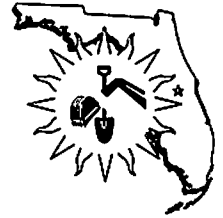
The next meeting will be held November 1-3, 2000 at the Rolling Hills Resort in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Please register prior to October 16, by calling (800) 327-7735. The room rate is \$89 plus 11% tax. Workshop only is \$10.00 and \$20.00 for the full meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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“DIG SAFELY” WEEK fka “Call Before You Dig” Week

We currently have in before Governor Bush, a proclamation designating August 20th through 26th, 2000 as “Dig Safely” Week. We hope to partner with all member utilities in promoting damage prevention and safety to all persons in the state, whether they are utilities, contractors, homeowners, or just general citizens. Our goal is to educate every single person of his or her individual requirements of damage prevention and safety throughout the state. Mark your calendars and team with us in order to make this a huge success!

WEBSITE USED IN DAMAGE PREVENTION

Sunshine State One-Call of Florida, Inc.'s website address is www.callsunshine.com. With technology and the Internet used in today's market, we would also like to better utilize this tool to help in damage prevention and safety. If your member company has a website, we ask you to help us contact your Webmaster so that they can link your member website to ours. If you have any recommendations on the use of the Internet as a damage prevention tool, we are always open for suggestions. Remember, we are here to serve you! If you have any questions please contact Sal Fracapane at (800) 651-6720.

RESPONDING TO A TICKET

1. After receiving a ticket from SSOCOF, member operators or their agents (locating companies) have two business days (48 hours), excluding weekends and holidays, to do one of the following:
 - a. Call the excavator with an all clear when they do not have underground facilities in the excavation site;
 - b. Physically mark the horizontal route of the excavation site according to the American Public Works Association-Utility Location Coordination Council color codes (vertical is not required); or
 - c. If the site cannot be located within 48 hours, contact the excavator to arrange a new date and time that is mutually agreeable.

Member operators who fail to mark facilities and have not notified contractors will be subject to member non-compliance notification (member is responsible for locators).

2. Emergency work location requests are given top priority. Member operators will mark facilities within the emergency excavation area as soon as practically possible.

3. When marks at an excavation site are destroyed or removed, member operators will, upon receiving a work location request from SSOCOF, re-mark a job site. If the marking request is received within 48 hours of the original start date, operators will remark facilities, generally within 48 hours.

NON-COMPLIANCE REPORTING PROCESS

The Compliance Specialist at SSOCOF handles all reports of Non-Compliance. Since February of this year, a full time person has been fielding calls or reports of Non-Compliance for the entire state. Statistically this office has received over 1900 calls of possible Non-Compliance, generating 777 letters of Non-Compliance. 700 of these letters have been against the member/utility operators. The remaining 70 letters have been excavators digging with expired tickets, no tickets or beginning to dig before the 48 hours are up. A large part of these complaints have to do with the members/locators not calling the customer to let them know that there is no conflict or that they are clear. No matter what the excuse or reason might be it is the responsibility of everyone to communicate with each other. The lack of communication is hindering the work in the field, causing aggravation for everyone involved. Listed below are the different types of Non-Compliance issues and how they should be addressed.

ENFORCING THE LAW

A. Non-compliance reports are used to document and report any activity that is in possible violation of Chapter 556, Florida Statutes. SSOCOF uses this information to take further action with the offending party.

1. **Excavator non-compliance reports should be used when:**
 - a. **Excavator does not call for a ticket.**
 - b. **Excavator starts digging before the 48 hours notice.**
 - c. **Excavator has an expired ticket.**

A copy of the excavator non-compliance letter will be provided to the member-operator upon request.

2. **Member operator non-compliance reports should be used when:**
 - a. **Member operator fails to locate the property, contact the excavator within 48 hours to clear the excavation site or reschedule the locate.**
 - b. **Member operator marks the site improperly.**

A copy of the member-operator non-compliance letter will be provided to the excavator upon request.

3. **Non-member notification non-compliance reports should be used to notify SSOCOF of an underground facility discovered to be in an excavation site, but not appearing as one of the facilities notified on the ticket.**

B. Citations

Any excavator who digs without a valid one-call ticket number, digs before the legal 48 hours expires, or digs on an expired ticket may be issued a citation by any local or state law enforcement officer or permitting agency inspector. The issuer of the

citation may require the excavator to cease work on any excavation or not start a proposed excavation until compliance with Chapter 556, F.S. has been met. SSOCOF is not responsible for issuing citations. Call your local law enforcement or permitting agency to discuss this matter.

ADOPTED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES AFFECT CHAPTER 556, FLORIDA STATUTES
On May 26th, 2000, the governor signed Senate Bill 1334 into law, which affects Chapter 556, Florida Statutes. This does affect all printed material issued by Sunshine State One-Call. Until new excavation guides are printed, we will supply anyone requesting an Excavation Guide with an insert with the new language. If you have a supply of guides and would like to have copies of the inserts, please contact SSOCOF at 407-575-2011. You may also email your requests to promo@callsunshine.com. The language change is as follows:

556.108 Exemptions. –The notification requirements provided in s. 556.105(1) do not apply to:

- (1) Any excavation or demolition performed by the owner of single-family residential property; or for such owner by a member operator or an agent of a member operator when such excavation or demolition is made entirely on such land, and only up to a depth of 10 inches; provided due care is used and there is no encroachment on any member operator's right-of-way, easement, or permitted use.

EMAIL TICKETS GIVE MEMBERS QUICK DELIVERY, INCREASED RELIABILITY

Member operators currently receiving one-call tickets by printer or fax now have the option of receiving tickets by email. With email ticket delivery, members get almost instant delivery of their one-call tickets.

- *How does it work?* When a ticket number is generated, an automatic email message is sent to the member—never more than one ticket per email. This allows members to print only the tickets that need to be printed. Email ticket delivery also promotes excellent reliability in the form of a clear message. Tickets received by fax or printer can be hard to read due to line noise, paper jams and low toner, to name a few. As an added level of comfort, a member's current method of ticket delivery can be used as a backup should there be any problems receiving email tickets.

If your company is interested in receiving tickets via email, SSOCOF can work with any email service you choose including corporate networks and public, no-charge email services. To start receiving your tickets by email, contact our database department at (407) 575-2009 or (800) 651-6720 and speak with John Patterson or Sal Fracapane.

DEFINITIONS

1. **"Member Operator"** means any person who furnishes or transports materials or services by means of an underground facility except a municipality or county that has elected not to participate in the one-call notification system in the manner set forth in s. 556.103(1).

2. **“Excavator”** or “excavating contractor” means any person performing excavation or demolition operations.
3. **“Excavate”** or **“excavation”** means any manmade cut, cavity, trench or depression in the Earth’s surface formed by removal of earth, intended to change the grade or level of land, or intended to penetrate or disturb the surface of the Earth.
4. **“Damage”** means any impact upon or contact with, including, without limitation, penetrating, striking, scraping, displacing, or denting, however slight, the protective coating, housing, or other protective devices of any underground facility, or the removal or weakening of any lateral or vertical support from any underground facility, or the severance, partial or complete, of any underground facility.
5. **“Demolish”** or **“demolition”** means any operation by which a structure or mass of material is wrecked, razed, rendered, moved, or removed by means of any tool, equipment, or discharge of explosives, or any disturbance of the earth in any manner on public or private lands which could damage any underground facility.
6. **“Underground facility”** means any public or private personal property which is buried, placed below ground, or submerged on any member operator’s right-of-way, easement, or permitted use which is being used, or will be used, in connection with the storage or conveyance of water; sewage; electronic, telephonic or telegraphic communication; electric energy; oil; petroleum products; natural gas; optical signals; or other substances, and includes, but is not limited to, pipelines, pipes, sewers, conduits, cables, valves, and lines. For purposes of the Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act, a liquefied petroleum gas line regulated under Chapter 527 is not an underground facility unless such line is subject to the requirements of Title 49 C.F.R., adopted by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, provided there is no encroachment on any member operator’s right-of-way, easement, or permitted use. Petroleum storage systems subject to regulation pursuant to Chapter 376 are not considered underground facilities for the purpose of this act unless the storage system is located on a member operator’s right-of-way or easement. Storm drainage systems are not considered underground facilities.

CALL CENTER NUMBERS

Locate Requests	1-800-432-4770
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GENERAL SUNSHINE STATE ONE-CALL NUMBERS

(These numbers are not for locates)

Main Number	1-407-575-2000
Main Toll-free Number	1-800-638-4097
General Fax	1-407-575-2030
Compliance	1-407-575-2005
Membership Information	1-407-575-2000
Request for Excavation Guides and Promotional Material	1-507-575-2000

STATISTICS (as of 07/31/2000)

Call Center	1999	2000	Inc./Dec.	% +/-
YTD Ticket Volume	656,064	776,281	120,217	18.32%
July Ticket Volume	94,512	97,752	3,240	3.43%
YTD Transmissions	5,449,656	6,625,053	1,175,397	21.57%
July Transmissions	809,864	847,584	37,720	4.66%
YTD Phone Calls	286,265	289,196	2,931	1.02%
July Phone Calls	38,238	37,822	- 416	- 1.09%
YTD Answer Speed (In Seconds)	117.64	25.86	- 91.77	- 78.01%
July Answer Speed (In Seconds)	166.70	13.79	- 152.91	- 91.73%

Total Members: 593**Total Associate Members: 112****Contact:**

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