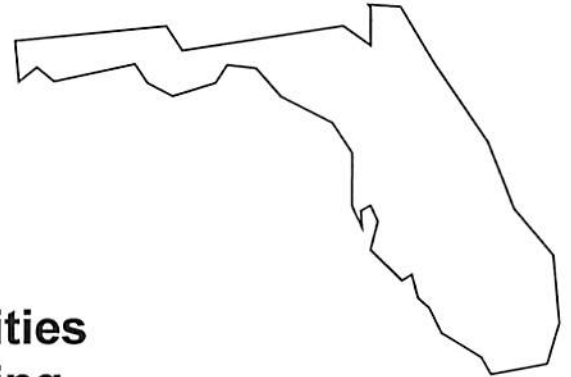


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MEETING MINUTES
November 3, 2000
Miami, FL

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Chairman Chuck Easterling gave the opening tribute to the flag and welcome. Chairman Chuck Easterling called the Fall Meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee to order at 8:20 a.m.

Chairman Easterling presented Speaker appreciate plaques to Jennifer Shannon and Mike from U of FL.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- Betsy Becker and edited by John Pugh.

A motion was raised and seconded for the waiving of the reading of the Secretary's Minutes. They were approved as written. A reminder was made to make sure you have updated your EMAIL address.

HISTORIANS REPORT- John Jernigan

50 YEARS AGO

No minutes of this meeting.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO: November 7, 1975-Ramada Inn
Court OF Flags Resort Hotel, Orlando, Florida

Attendance: Telephone 16, Power 14, FDOT 3, Consultant 1, Counties 2, State DER 1,
Total: 30

Chairman – B.A. Kempson, Gulf Power Company
Vice Chairman- John Clark, United Telephone Company Of Florida
Secretary- W.J. Hoppood, Florida Power and Light Company.

The “One Call system Sub-Committee” reported that the Tampa Bay Area System is in its final stages of completion. An agreement between the member companies is presently being studied and liability insurance cost being determined. The Teletype system has already been received and will be installed as soon as an agreement is executed. It appears possible that this system will become operational before January 1996.

The “Space Allocation Sub-committee” reported that the International Liaison of the American Right of Way Assoc. Has adopted “Space Allocation’ as one of their main projects for the year 1976. In order to have a greater coordinated effort, this sub committee will be working together with the American Right of Way Assoc. to prepare a joint recommendation to the FHWA.

The guest speaker was from the newly formed Department of Environmental Regulations. During the 1975 Legislature, under Senate Bill 123, effective July 1, 1975, the DER was created for the purpose of increasing operational efficiencies and eliminating permit delays on matters relating to dredging fill, environmental assessments, water resources, water quality, waste water, air pollution, solid waste, etc. Under the new reorganization the Sub-District offices now manage all the planning, construction, operation, permitting, and enforcement function of Pollution Control. The interest created by the presentation was clearly demonstrated by the extensive question and answer period.

TREASURERS REPORT- Cheryl Ritter

Bank Balance 10/31/00-	\$6,469.79
November Registration	\$1,600.00 (80 registered @ \$20.00)
	<u>\$ 160.00 (16 registered @ \$10.00)</u>
New Balance 10/3/00-	\$8,229.79

PROGRAM

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UPDATE (FDOT) – Jerrold Whitt

The Central Office Status Report of Utilities Activities October 24, 2000 is available by request.

DISTRICT ONE- Jerrold Whitt

The District One Fall Meeting was held at the US 41 By-pass in Venice. There were 63 representatives/members and guests in attendance.

DISTRICT TWO- Jerrold Whitt

Scheduling the next District Two Liaison Meeting in the next two weeks. Will send notice out to all District 2 utility owners and FDOT consultants. The meeting will be at the Holiday Inn in Lake City at I-75 and US 90. We continue to have monthly area meetings.

DISTRICT THREE- Jerrold Whitt

No written report

DISTRICT FOUR- Rocky DePrimo

District IV continues its monthly mail out of all projects in an 18-month window scheduled for production or letting. The utility industry should familiarize itself with the schedules of these projects and request, from the District Utility Office, any information that may impact their existing or proposed facilities. If anyone is interested in receiving a copy of the monthly Production and Letting list (by county) please call Bonnie Swierski at (954) 777-4126.

DISTRICT FIVE- Bill Richards

District V held its annual Utility Liaison Conference on Jan. 17th, at the Four Points Sheraton. There were 245 people in attendance. The conference was informative and feed back was very positive towards the program presented.

DISTRICT SIX-

No written report

DISTRICT SEVEN- Sonny DeCoster

No written report

TURNPIKE UPDATE- Jim Haynie

The new turnpike office is open and it still has the same PO box address. Jim shared an open invitation to tour the new facilities.

ONE CALL REPORT- Cheryl Ritter

-Member operators currently receiving one-call tickets by printer or fax now have the option of receiving tickets by mail. Contact the database department at (407) 575-2009 or (800) 651-6720 and speak to John Patterson or Sal Fracapane.

-Use you cell phone: Dial #DIG for a free call to Sunshine State one Call of Florida on your AT&T wireless phone. This is currently activated in the Orlando and Miami areas.

-The current membership is 300 with 115 Associate Members.

INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

Power- David Kuhlman

Twenty-two (22) members in attendance

Topics of discussion:

Abandoned Pole Removal

- Concern about the penalties

-Getting attaches to transfer

- How can we be more proactive?
- Motion from mark Sweet that the FUCC encourage its members to use the National Joint use Notification System (NJUNS)
- Discussed at steering committee and make recommendation that the Joint Use Subcommittee be asked to look at how this can best be accomplished
- Directional Boring Specifications (status?)
- Miami Dade Ordinance:
 - FPL discussed some of the problems it has experienced
- Concern about the prevalent of UG facilities placed at the R/W line.
- Traffic signal mast arm conflicts with power lines
- Criteria for existing poles (RRR VS new const.)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS-Mike Brady

Twenty-one (21) members in attendance with FDOT represented by Sunny DeCoster from District 7.

Topics of discussion:

The development of a local Utility and Municipality Contact List.

- Bill Hetherington reported to the group that progress has been made in this regard through the FUCC web site development. Suggestions were made for geographical parameters for the list.

Brief discussion of some of member companies' new policies concerning telecom provided services in new buildings. Mainly the issues with multi-tenant buildings with multiple service providers.

Discussion of the previous days Pole Abandonment and Pole Removal Panel and the issues presented.

UNDERGROUND- John Murphy

Thirty-three (33) members in attendance.

Cheryl Ritter gave a brief report on the Miami-Dade County Ordinance 00-97, requirements for directional drilling permits.

Cheryl also gave a report on the activities of One Call in particular that AT&T wireless users call dial "#DIG" and be connected at no charge.

John Murphy noted that some utility owners are showing Sunshine as their utility locators on FDOT's Utility relocation Schedules. This is incorrect. Sunshine is a notification center only, not a location provider.

Lawree Washington reported on a letter his company TECO, received from the City of Orlando. The city has requested digital maps and files of existing facilities from the utility owners to be submitted before December 31, 2000. If a utility does not comply, their next permit request may be held up. There was discussion on the signing and sealing requirement of this data, because it would be accumulated from several sources and not under the control of a single surveyor. It was suggested to take this to the Central Florida Utility Committee for their input.

Mr. Washington also commented on a recent letter received from FDOT Maintenance in Hillsborough, regarding the need to schedule an inspector of utility installations. The question from the letter is the definition of advance notice. Kim Wiley commented on a recent directional bore the Maintenance Dept had an approximate 45-day lead-time for an inspector.

This did not fit Verizon's project schedule. They choose to hire an inspector, FDOT certified, to complete their work. This was their decision in order to advance the installation.

Ray Rayburn reported on the problems with a telecommunications loop installation, Pinellas County is now asking for extra ducts to be installed in the county R/W.

Carlos Solis reported on an article he read that CAL TRAN has issued a moratorium on horizontal drilling to avoid damage to existing facilities. Damages are going un-repaired. They have established a Task Team to develop Minimum Requirements for horizontal drilling.

The task team has a target date of April 2001 to develop their report. The goal is to create a national standard of specifications and guidelines for directional drilling. The question was asked, does the FUCC need to have a watchdog on national issues?

Other subjects discussed were disposal of drilling fluids and drilling waste.

Jerry Sasser commented that when an installation requires As-Built Plans, be sure that they are authentic. Construction Plans are not the same as Built Plans.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

UAM/Standards-Carlos Solis

We continue to develop the proposed installation Matrix.

This initial matrix needed simplifications for easier use.

Hope to have final report prior to winter meeting and make committee presentation during that meeting.

Utility Subordination –Arlene Brown

No report

Joint Use- Earl Christian

No report

Electronic Permitting- Bill Hetherington

A new web page address to access permit information

FTP2.uaintergators.com/fl-permits

Membership- Jan Ash

Requesting mailing list update for local area to mail out information for the next meeting.

Conference Planning- Eddie Garcia

Winter '01- Orlando

Spring '01- Key Largo

Summer '01- Marco Island- Formal Meeting

Fall '01- Jacksonville

Program Planning- Dennis LaBelle

Need any and all ideas submitted.

Possible tour at the winter meeting to the Sunshine State One Call Center and the Turnpike Authority.

Steering Committee Meeting- Jan Ash

The Program Planning needs all possible ideas or suggestions for new programs. The educational seminar slated for Key Largo is now to be held at the Summer meeting in Marco Island. Need the information from the Interest groups as to their plans.

Rocky DePrimo is to get with Greg Sander on the U of FL research paper to see if they can come and talk to a Sub Committee in the Winter Meeting.

NGines has been recommended by the Power Group to be used in the industry. The steering committee can recommend that the Joint Use Sub Committee take this under its wing. Chuck Easterling gave a presentation on the current meeting costs. Chuck put a proposal to the Steering committee to raise the registration rates. Motion was approved. A copy of the Power Point presentation and registration forms are available on the web site.

Adjournment:

With no further discussions or comments, Chairman Chuck Easterling Adjourned the meeting at 10:00a.m.

The next meeting will be held January 31 to February 2, 2001 at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Orlando, FL. Please register by January 15, 2001 by calling 1-407-351-3333. The room rate is \$89/night with registration fees \$50.00 pre-registration (1/9/01) or \$60.00 if after. Workshop will be \$20.00

Respectfully submitted,

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