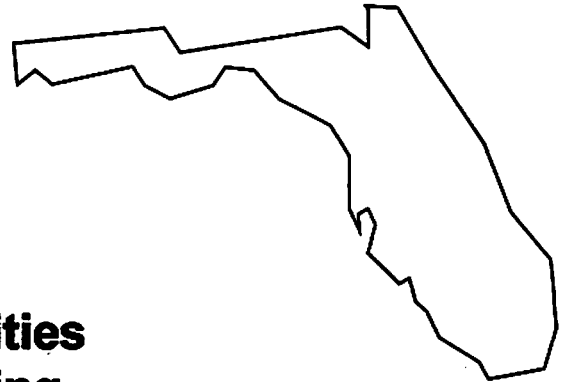


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**MEETING MINUTES
February 02, 2001
Orlando, FL**

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Chairman Chuck Easterling gave the opening tribute to the flag and welcome. He called the Winter Meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee to order at 8:30 a.m. Chuck asked Earl Christian to come up and pay tribute to one of our own member's John Farkas (1943-2001) who had passed on. John was a friend to industry and friend to all at BellSouth who knew him. He was active in the 80's but not later because of his illness. He will be missed by this organization. Chuck asked everyone to sign a card for John and give to his Mother to show how much he meant to this group. There was than a moment of silence for John. In the business meeting Chairman Chuck Easterling asked everyone to thank M&T Consultants, Dennis and Margie La Belle for all their hard work in this conference planning. He asked for thanks to all our sponsors for which much of this would not be possible, FDOT, Time Warner, PBS&J, Underground Services, OUC, Ash Engineering, Sunshine One Call, TBE,TECO, FR Aleman and Osmose . Special thanks for the hospitality house by Utility Consultants.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- 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 that all members check for correct information on the sign in sheets such as add e-mail, addresses and phone numbers.

HISTORIANS REPORT- Tom Dugger

FIFTY YEARS AGO – FEBRUARY 1951

NO MINUTES OF THIS MEETING

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO : FEBRUARY 6, 1976 – Ramada Inn, Pensacola, Florida

**Attendance: Telephone 8, Power 10, FDOT 8, Cities 7,
GAD 2. A total of 35.**

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

**Two members who attended that meeting are still active in the FUCC Charles Andrews and
Dennis LaBelle.**

**The "One Call system Sub-committee" reported that since January 1, 1976, the Tampa Bay
System has been operating on a trial basis. There are presently six (6) primary members of
who five have already signed the general agreement, these are; TECO, General Telephone,
Peoples Gas, Florida Gas and Florida Power Corp. The City of Tampa is waiting on for
Council approval. In addition to the primary members, the Tampa Bay System has three
associate members, which are; Florida Gas Transmission, City of St. Petersburg and
Teleprompter. All primary members have receives their teletypewriter, only General
Telephone's is operational. In the month of January, General Telephone averaged 30 to 40
calls per day, which indicates the system's acceptance and the expected volume of calls when
it is fully operative. The center is expected to be officially operational by March 1.**

**The Dade County System has been operational since December 22, 1975, with Southern Bell
Telephone and Telegraph Company as its sole member. In a 1-½ month span, Southern Bell
has logged 742 calls.**

**The system proposed to have six (6) members: Southern Bell, Florida Gas, Peoples Gas,
American Telephone & Telegraph, City of Miami and Metro Dade County (Traffic Dept. and
Street Lighting Dept). All members have had their teletypewriter systems installed and will
become operational as soon as the agreements are executed.**

**The FDOT submitted to the Standing Committee the Supplement draft of the Jacking &
Boring Supplement to the Accommodation Guide. The Committee recommended that in
seeing the need by the FDOT to set up uniform guidelines for Jacking and Boring Operations
throughout the State and whereas the FUCC was in the position to lend assistance, a sub
committee is formed.**

The FDOT Engineer of Roadway Maintenance, reported that originally the FDOT had halted the use of PVC pipe installation for Jacking and Boring. However, after further research and discussion with the Standing Committee, they adopted to allow the use of PVC Pipe on a temporary basis until proper testing can be conducted and guidelines developed for evaluation.

TREASURERS REPORT- Cheryl Ritter

The account balance as of January 29th coming into this meeting was \$4,432.30 . The pre-registration for this meeting was 35 people. The number of people signed up for this meeting was 87 for full registration and 10 for the \$20 workshop. Availability of credit card registration in the near future.

Winter FUCC Educational Workshop

Joint Use Transfer Management-Presentations by Dennis La Belle - M&T Consultants, Angela Wallace -NJUNS, Pauline-Caroline Power Line, Roy Beavers-Bellsouth, Ken Gilbert-FPL

This workshop addressed the problems with joint use transfers.

- Identification
- Over all Design
- Accommodations
- Coordination
- Timeliness
- **How to Identify attachee on pole**
 - Power
 - Telco
 - CATV#1
 - CATV#2
 - Telephone/local or other wire
 - Pole Height /class
 - Span Distances
 - Design Time-(.25xDesign Time to Units
- **Time frame -1 month to 2 years for Notification**
 - Why so long? ^{TO TRANSFER}
 - Notification
 - Communication
 - Scheduling
 - Where to place pole?

What are Solutions to these problems?

How are different states dealing with these issues?

NJUNS-Form, step by step process

Pole transfer member code number. Member cost paid by utilities split by state. Is an electronic notification system? A simple change of (P) from pending to (A) to submit. In future will be able to scan drawings and attach documents.

Tagging Poles / CABLES

Tell Tale Program

Attaching 3/4 inch metal tags to line every first, fifth, tenth and last pole.

Bill person on pole in joint use contract.

Combined Interest Group Meeting

Design Work Tickets-Craig Ferguson -PBS&J - IN ORLANDO

Proposing a planning and design/survey ticket. Amend the act as it currently exists to include these new types of tickets. This will be a flat rate fee of \$25 per ticket paid to each utility.

The time will be extended from 48 hours to 5 working days. This will increase ticket volume 1 1/2 to 2 times the amount of tickets to utilities.

FDOT Design Build Concept-Ken Weldon

Ken gave an overview of the FDOT safe transportation system. Bring projects in on time and budget. Shorten time frames on certain road type projects. Florida Department of Transportation had a pilot program of 11 projects of certain criteria that came in at 18% decrease in dollars and 4 % decrease in time. This will be looked at for future projects.

FDOT Fiber Network-Bob Gottschlk

According to the Telecom Act of 1996 the State had to open up right of ways to utilities. This TCA policy had to do with placement of wireless and fiber optics, antennas, building construction and maintenance in the state right of way. This policy said what the utility could or can not do providing the state wants it done. Some general criteria are fence not allowed out of right of way. Access through a locked gate. Exception clause FDOT will allow Fiber Net Inc but not wireless companies these same accesses.

*update on the New FIBER OPTIC CA. our Limited ACCESS - AND the New TOWERS **

PROGRAM

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UPDATE (FDOT) – Ken Weldon

Ken introduced the new replacement for Greg Williams who has went to work for the FHWA. The replacement will be Gordon Wheeler. Gordon passed out an updated Central Office Status Report of Utility Activities. New legislation proposal for FDOT which has been accepted and is a benefit for the Utilities. This only applies to DOT right of way.

The boring specifications are complete and have been on the Internet. Ken has asked for any comments. He will have boring specs ready for the next meeting in May. UAM comments on current manual on clean up items, not old items. Web page clean up to go with improvements to explain how or what each agreement means. He proposed better relocation in right of way and better reimbursements. Signed and sealed as-built plans on limited access right of way database to be with longitudinal encroachment. Ken said he has received complaints from a Congressman, which proposes to let industry police themselves. Possible training

from equipment manufacturer for certifications. There has been an on going pole safety and permit compliance study; some utilities do have permit on sight when performing their work. The changing of forms on the Webb site to Jetforms . This will be in process Oct of this year to July 2002. Must have explorer 5.0 or greater to access. There will be a change to the clear zone offset.

DISTRICT ONE- Sharon Luginsland for Jerrold Whitt

The next District One Liaison Meeting will be held on March 28th in Naples and will be at the Ramada Inn Port of the Islands at exit 15. Please make reservations by March 23rd cut off date. Potential topics to be covered are: Jetforms, Roadway Design and Utility Coordination. Following the Plans Preparation Manual and how it affects Utility Coordination.

DISTRICT TWO- Ken Weldon for Vince Camp

Scheduling the next District Two-Liaison Meeting the last week of May or the beginning of June. District two is holding regular monthly and bimonthly meetings with local groups. Ken Weldon stated there is a new release of relocation guide manual on the web sight at FHWA.dot.gov/reports/utilguid/index.htm.

DISTRICT THREE- Tom Dugger

The next meeting will be March 16th in Panama City. The subject and place have yet to be determined.

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. Rocky DePrimo thanked Bob Vison and Kathy Coleman with FPL Fiber Net for providing electronic maps for their service areas to FDOT for relocation jobs.

DISTRICT FIVE- Bill Richards

The last annual liaison meeting was held Jan 17th and 248 people attended.

DISTRICT SIX-

No written report

DISTRICT SEVEN- Sonny DeCoster

No written report

TURNPIKE UPDATE- Rodney Little

The Turnpike has let their first Major Design Build Project: "Thomas B. Manuel Bridge" Replacement. They have written special provisions to handle utilities. These provisions are being considered for Standard Specifications at this time.

The Turnpike is completing their first "No Excuse Contract": "Bird Road Mainline Toll Plaza and Ramp". The Contractor will finish in time and collect his bonus. He has met the first 2 milestones and will finish on time and collect his final bonus.

The Grand Opening Celebration is set for Saturday, February 3, 2001 for the Suncoast Expressway. The Grand Opening will be held at SR52 and Suncoast Expressway near Hudson, Florida in Pasco County.

They are in their new Headquarters Facilities, at Turkey Lake Service Plaza, in Orlando since July 1, 2000. Please stop by for a tour.

ONE CALL REPORT- Cheryl Ritter

Member operators currently receiving one-call tickets by printer or fax now have the option of receiving tickets by e-mail. Cheryl encouraged everyone to please use this new service it will save your company on reprints and possible missed locates. She thanked the Public Service Commission for the commercial they produced with the One Call logo and phone number. One Call is in the process of developing a new Media Kit and would like utility companies doing advertising to include them in the spots. The call center took in 1,274,002 tickets last year or a 12% increase. Transmissions of over 11 million were taken in by Dec 31st and 478,00 phone calls. There are 628 members and 112 associate members that are part of the One Call system. She requested everyone to please update their information in the database for emergency purposes as well as design. Many utility companies are interested in the remote member access by dialing pound dig at no charge on their cell phones. -One call has a new video out for educating contractors called "Marks Have Meanings" this helps them to be better prepared when calling in for locates and learn a little about the locating business. Check out the newsletter "Outlook" it has a better format and much more professional looking than it used to be. The money that is charged for each ticket goes back into the One Call system to promote new services to their customers.

INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

Power- David Kuhlman

There were 18 people in attendance including 1 representative of M&T Consultants, 1 from PSC, 2 from FDOT, 1 from Georgia Power and five from Florida Power and Light. Bill Weintritt started the meeting off with a discussion on the American Society of Civil Engineers' efforts to develop a Structural Loading Standard for Distribution poles. All of the companies represented were encouraged to participate in this effort, not just pole owners but attaches, and right of way users as well.

Dennis Labelle from M & T Consultants solicited ideas for the August Educational Seminar. The group came up with these three ideas: A presentation on California deregulation; Differences between Aerial and underground Electrical transformers and Distribution systems ; and a workshop on coordination between utilities on relocation projects.

Tom Jackson from Georgia power shared with the group Georgia Power's pole safety program. There was a discussion about utility transfer problems, namely delays associated with

getting attaches to transfer their facilities on pole change outs. The power group didn't think that NJUNS was the solution to the problem but thought they would encourage its use to companies. A small discussion on Legislation that Metricom introduced pertaining to attachments of antennas to power utility poles.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS-Mike Brady.

The Telecom Interest Group Subcommittee convened at 8:00am with 24 members in attendance. The group voted to have our meeting time at the next FUCC from 9:30am to 11:30am. Discussions were long and lively on several topics including participation in NJUNS , clear zone hazards, liabilities for pole transfers, relocation notifications to CLEC's in shared manhole facilities, coordination of multiple vendors in the Rights of Way, vertical location of existing facilities and the depth to which it is reasonable to physically locate them, vendor tagging of cables on poles; also the new state simplified tax for franchise agreements, and the feasibility of the FSSOC or DOT keeping and maintaining a utility data base as locate tickets or permits are submitted.

Roy Beavers from Bellsouth-Georgia explained how NJUNS and other utility co-ordination are being done in the state of Georgia.

Cathy Colman and Dave Vinson of FPL-Fibernet agreed to present the Telecom Interest Group's presentation at the educational seminar at the August FUCC meeting. The subject will be "Metropolitan Area Fiber Networks (or Rings.)" An outline of the presentation will be presented to the interest group at our May meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

UNDERGROUND- John Murphy

There were 36 members in attendance at this meeting. The group had discussions on Utility relocation schedules. Cheryl Ritter with One Call informed the group about the changes in the new Dade County Ordinance that doubled the fines from \$250 to \$500 for one call violations. **There was an update on the City of Miami changes indicating that paint must be removed before closing out a permit.** Other topics of discussion were markings on underground pipe, directional boring and pipe bursting.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

UAM/Standards-Carlos Solis

No report

Utility Subordination -Arlene Brown

Arlene stated they were waiting on the review from Department of Transportation. Ken Weldon said he was not aware of this but he thought the committee was moving towards some alternative proposals from last meeting. Each district is asked to use the new Subordi-

nation agreement when in favor of the utility. The utilities have the option at present to use either agreement. Ken stated this is a boiler plate document and the only difference is in the new document we state exactly what we are doing. Not all elements in documents are consistent.

Joint Use- Earl Christian
No report

Electronic Permitting-
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. The FUCC needs to do a better job getting to prospective members by gathering information from local meeting groups or by district meetings for mail outs and or e-mail . The next meeting will be in District 6 and we will put this in place.

Cadd Transfer- Jan Ash
No report.

Conference Planning- Eddie Garcia
Next meeting locations. Get your reservations in by April cut off.

Spring '01- Key Largo
Summer '01- Marco Island- Formal Meeting
Fall '01- Jacksonville

Awards and Nomination Committee-John Jernigan
The committee needs input from active past chairman and FDOT personal before the next meeting. Need help and input please.

Program Planning- Dennis LaBelle
Need any and all ideas submitted for future workshops. Are there any areas that you would like to learn about? Some of the future workshops will be. What does it take to get reimbursed? When you move your facilities, are you entitled to be compensated? Are you completing the required documentation? What does it take to get your money? How do you get refunds on JPA projects? Attend the spring meeting and find out all these answers. Mini version of highway training classes. Sound barrier walls, where do utilities put their facilities inside the wall outside?

Industry Updates - Eddie Garcia

These are the comments from the meeting:
Session Title: Utility Technologies for Today and Safety Guidelines for

The Future

According to the FHWA statistics, Pole Fatalities in a National Level are down from over 2000 fatalities in 1998 to 1070 in 1999.

Poles are No. 4 on the list of Fixed Objects fatalities. 1.0 Trees (3348 Fatalities), 2.0 Embankment (1268 fatalities)
3.0 Guardrails (1185 fatalities), 4.0 Poles (1070 fatalities).

UTILITY POLE SAFETY STATE PROGRAMS

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) urged State Departments of Transportation in cooperation with the utility industry to embark on a Program to identify addresses and resolve problems associated with above Ground utilities within the public right of way. Currently ten (10) States Have a program dealing with Utility Pole Safety, namely: Washington State, New York, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Tennessee, New Jersey, North Carolina, Massachusetts, Alabama

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE AASHTO ROADSIDE DESIGN GUIDE RELATING TO UTILITY POLE SAFETY.

The third edition of the AASHTO Roadside Design Guide is nearly ready for Balloting by member States. Publication is anticipated for mid-year.

There are three changes from the previous edition that relate directly or Indirectly to Utility pole placement or treatment. These include a redefinition of curb types, a clearer discussion of the difference between a clear zone behind the a curb and an operational offset and a recommendation for better use of accident data to identify accident-prone combinations of roadway geometry and pole placement.

Steering Committee Meeting- Jan Ash

Jan Ash thanked OUC for sponsoring the continental breakfast. She also thanked UCI for providing the hospitality suite. Some of the Sub-committees needed to be looked at for new chair people as well as new members. On the next pre-registration form anyone interested in chairing any group or being active in that group can sign up. Some new groups to be added are Design Ticket and Mike Brady volunteered to chair this committee. We need for someone to take action now on the RFP for hosting and designing the FUCC web site anybody interested please contact Jan Ash or Chuck Easterling.

New Business-Rodger Fletcher

Get involved in Public Education. Suggestion One Call radio, TV, workshop safety funding FUCC based programs. Pipeline safety education programs. Possible FUCC based public outreach committee.

Adjournment:

With no further discussions or comments, Chairman Chuck Easterling adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

SPRING MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be held May 2 to May 4, 2001. at the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort-Key Largo, FL. "Mile Marker 100" Please register by April 10, 2001 by calling 1-305-451-2121. The room rate is \$90 /night with registration fees \$50.00 for pre-registration (4/10/01) or \$60.00 if after on site. Workshop on site will be \$20.00

Respectfully submitted,

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