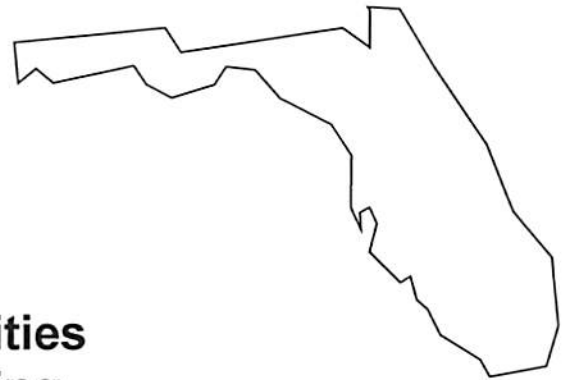


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## Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee



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### MEETING MINUTES

August 03, 2001

Marco Island, FL

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Janice Sands Ash  
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**Secretary**

John Pugh  
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**Historian**

Tom Duggar  
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Chairman Chuck Easterling called the Summer Meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee to order at 8:34 a.m. He gave the opening remarks and asked Brian Butler to give the Invocation and tribute to the flag. The Chairman asked for self-introductions. Chairman Chuck Easterling asked everyone to thank M&T Consultants, Dennis and Margie La Belle, for all of their hard work in conference planning. He asked for everyone to thank our sponsors for their support and booths.

#### **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 e-mail, addresses and phone numbers. John asked that all reports be sent to him in e-mail format and in your own verbiage. If anyone lost meeting information, just e-mail John at [john.pugh@twcable.com](mailto:john.pugh@twcable.com) and he would send out any information needed by request. He will email out meeting information every two weeks and do one monthly mail out of minutes.

**HISTORIANS REPORT- Tom Duggar**

**FIFTY YEARS AGO – AUGUST 1951**

**NO MINUTES OF THIS MEETING**

**TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO: AUGUST, 1976 – HAWAIIAN VILLAGE,  
TAMPA, FLORIDA**

**ATTENDANCE: TELEPHONE 14, POWER 19, FDOT 12, CITIES 6,  
GAS 4, PUBLIC SERVICE COMM. 2, OTHERS 2. A TOTAL OF 59.**

**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 Chairman received a letter from the FDOT relative to the subject of Joint Pole Use Master Agreement. Discussion suggested that the Utilities very closely review this agreement, especially the insurance clause and the indemnity clause.

A report was given by General Telephone stating that General Telephone has an agreement with some cities and counties where repaving is being done, that the paving contractor will make adjustments to manholes at a low cost. General Telephone has been talking with the FDOT about the same agreement and was wondering how many other utilities might be interested. The more interest in this by other utilities might help work this through the FDOT. This type of master agreement has worked out very well for General Telephone.

Southern Bell question if there was a new FDOT rule on moving above ground appurtenances 30 feet from edge of road on resurfacing, reimbursed by Federal funds. FDOT answered – only if it involves widening or rebuilding shoulders or slopes. A FDOT person stated that their 5 District Engineers work independently and sometimes almost like 5 states, therefore you will find differences of interpretations.

**TREASURERS REPORT- Cheryl Ritter**

No Report

## **Summer FUCC Educational Sessions**

At the summer meeting in Marco Island was held the FUCC 's 4 Th Educational Session, speakers and presentations on a Variety of topics were covered.

- FDOT Manhole / Handhole Task Team Report from the Value Engineering Study by Jerry Love of Ventry Engineering.
- The State of Deregulation in the Nation and Florida by Tom Koch of FPL FiberNet, Manager of Strategic Planning.
- Metropolitan Area Fiber Network ( or Rings ) by David Vinson, FPL FiberNet –Manager of Design and Director of OSP Engineering.
- Utility Forms Via the Webb by Carolynn Runyan, FDOT Central Office.
- Detecting Underground Facilities –Radio Detection by Bob Milliken –Underground Services.

## **WORKSHOPS**

- Legislative Review on 556 Statue by Cheryl Ritter of One Call.
- The Do's and Don't for Per Design and Per Construction Meeting by Vince Camp FDOT.

## **PROGRAM**

### **MAIN MEETING**

FUCC 's first Annual Business Meeting since being incorporated.

### **FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UPDATE (FDOT)- Ken Weldon**

Ken Weldon gave an overview of current projects and concerns in process at this time as well as a hand out of the Central Office Issues and Status Report covering the Active projects .

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- FDOT State Design Engineer by Billie Hattaway- FDOT's Reorganizational Efforts.
- Federal Updates the ( Green Book ) by Paul Scott , FWHA

**DISTRICT ONE-.Jerrold Whitt**

The next District One Liaison Meeting will be held at the Helmsley Sandcastle Hotel in Lido Beach, Sarasota Wednesday September 26,2001. Registration will be from 8-9 am. Agenda and Speakers will include Frank Sullivan from the FDOT Central Office on Variance and Exceptions. Walt Childs will speak on changes in Utility Negotiation. Rick Langley Director of Production will speak about changes in DOT.

**DISTRICT TWO- DISTRICT THREE- Tom Duggar**

**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. District Four plans to do an electronic mail out in the next couple months please have your email information available. 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- James Kervin**

No report

**DISTRICT SIX-**

No report

**DISTRICT SEVEN- Sunny DeCoster**

No report

**TURNPIKE UPDATE- Rodney Little**

The northern section of the Suncoast Parkway will open to traffic on August 4th completing the link from US 98 in Hernando County and the Veterans Expressway in Tampa. The Environmental Study for the northern extension of the Suncoast Parkway into Citrus County has begun.

Western Beltway Part C from I-4 to Seidel Road is scheduled for a June 2002 production ready date. There will be a lot of utility coordination occurring in the next ten months to finalize the utility relocations and services prior to this production date.

The construction of the Seminole Expressway from Lake Mary Blvd to I-4 is ahead

of schedule and should be open to traffic by the end of next year.

The Turnpike's largest Design-Build project, Thomas B. Manual Bridge, will begin construction in the next couple of months beginning with the relocation of the three (3) Florida Gas Transmission gas mains.

The Transportation Bill, which included the changing of the Turnpike District into an Enterprise, was vetoed due to last minute additions to the Bill. The Turnpike District will be submitting a Bill with only the Turnpike Enterprise language for the next Legislative Session. The Governor has expressed on many occasions that he liked the Enterprise portion of the Bill and wants it to happen. We look forward to the Bill being signed and implemented the beginning of next year.

Mr. James Haynie has retired (AGAIN and FINALLY) from the Florida Department of Transportation and the Turnpike District. His position will be advertised this month. All correspondence and communication should be directed to either Larry Hayduk or Rodney Little until the Turnpike District Utility Engineer position is filled.

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**ONE CALL REPORT- Cheryl Ritter**

## **INTEREST GROUP REPORTS**

**Power-** David Kuhlman

No report.

## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS-**

**The Telecommunications Interest Group session began at 9:30 am with twenty-one (21) people in attendance. All future Interest Group sessions will commence at 9:30 am to accommodate other Subcommittee meeting between 8:00 and 9:30 am.**

**Dave Vinson - FPL FiberNet was thanked for his upcoming slide presentation and overview for the Educational Workshop entitled, "Metropolitan Area Fiber Network (or Rings)".**

**Other topics included:**

- 1. FDOT certified training for MOT (Maintenance of Traffic) prior to January 2002. SPRINT and BELL SOUTH indicated they are moving forward on the requirement and subsequent deadline.**
- 2. October 2, 2001 Supreme Court decision on rates for wireless companies and Internet Service Providers is due. The FCC could apply "cheap" regulated rates if passed.**
- 3. How Deep Can You Locate? The discussion centered on the inability of locating techniques to test deeper than 15' underground. Boring to 40' may be possible but no one can locate the facilities after they are placed at that depth.**

**Tommy Howard - SPRINT and Noel Reese - FPL FiberNet will Co-Chair and facilitate the Telecommunications Interest Group for the upcoming year.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.**

**Respectfully Submitted by:  
John Jernigan - Verizon Florida**

**UNDERGROUND- John Murphy**

No report

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**UAM/Standards-Carlos Solis**

No report

**Utility Subordination –Arlene Brown**

No report

**Joint Use- Earl Christian**

No report

**Electronic Permitting- Hank**

No report, need input call him to discuss.

[FTP2.uaintergators.com/fl-permits](http://FTP2.uaintergators.com/fl-permits)

**Website- Sharon Luginsland**

The Website Subcommittee met on Thursday, August 02,2001 at 8:30 am. There were eight people in attendance. The committee reviewed the responses from the survey that was circulated at the last meeting in Key Largo. These responses were used to compile a draft outline of the proposed website. At the close of the meeting Sharon Luginsland committed to compiling the RFP and Brian Moschetto committed to drafting a map of proposed site. When both the RFP and Map are compiled they will be submitted to the Steering Committee for review before publishing.

**Membership- Jan Ash**

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

The membership committee met at 8:30 am on Thursday August 2, 2001 the following items were discussed

- \* The first newsletter was gone over, improvements suggested
- \* Addressed ways to address reduction of members due to company cutbacks
- \* Compiling email addresses from different sources
- \* Thanked Barbara Burns for moving forward getting the first newsletter together.

**Cadd Transfer- Jan Ash**

No report.

**Conference Planning- Eddie Garcia**

Next meeting locations

Fall '01- Jacksonville

Winter'02 – Ocala

Spring 02- South Florida Area

Summer 02- TBA

**Awards and Nomination Committee-John Jernigan**

First Annual awards banquet, good food, and entertainment. The first John J. Farkas award recipient was presented to David Kuhlman of FPL. This award was previously known as the Utility Liaison person of the year

**Program Planning- Dennis LaBelle**

Jacksonville will have a workshop on Sound Barrier Walls. Some possible topics for future meetings could be traffic signals, MOT training, Requirements for Asbuilts, tree placements and types of trees under power lines

**Industry Updates - Eddie Garcia**

No report

**Steering Committee Meeting- Jan Ash**

**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

The steering committee met at Marco Island at 5:30 pm. The following was discussed.

- \* Discussed accomplishments that occurred over the years
- \* Discussed progress on Credit Cards for the meeting
- \* Assigned tasks for each subcommittee
- \* Addressed new members for each subcommittee - add committees onto registration form
- \* Discussed need to get advanced agenda out for registration purposes



## New Business

At the main meeting Chuck Easterling dissolved all committees and subcommittees, and proceeded with stepping down as Chairman. Jan Ash, incoming Chairwoman, introduced the other officers. Art Gilmore was nominated for, seconded, and accepted the position of secretary. Congratulations go out to David Kuhlman, the 2001 recipient of the John J. Farkas Liaison Person of the Year Award. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

## FALL MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be held October 31 to November 02, 2001. at the Omni Hotel in Jacksonville. Please register by October 08, 2001 by calling 940-355-6664. The room rate is \$ 99/night with pre-registration fees of \$ 50.00 (prior to Oct. 02, 2001). On site registration will be \$ 60. Registration fee for workshop on site will be \$ 20.00.

Please make all registration checks out to FUCC and submit to Cheryl Ritter, Treasurer, 1619 Eastlake Way, Weston Fl. 33326

Respectfully submitted,

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