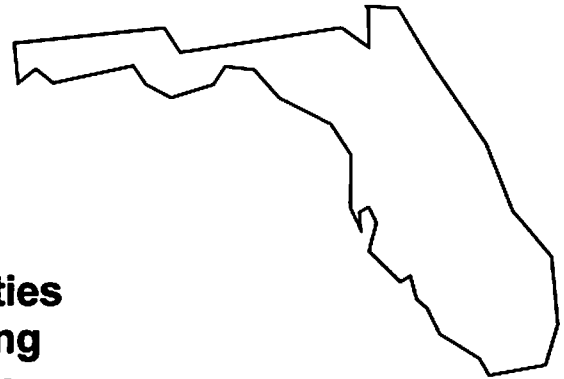


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**MEETING MINUTES
November 2nd, 2001
Jacksonville, FL**

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In the absence of Chairman Ash and Vice Chairman Pugh, past chairman Chuck Easterling called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. He gave the opening remarks and Brian Butler gave the Invocation and tribute to the flag.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT - Tom Duggar

FIFTY YEARS AGO – AUGUST 1951

No minutes of this meeting

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO: NOVEMBER 5TH, 1976 – HAWAIIAN VILLAGE, TAMPA

ATTENDANCE: TELEPHONE 12, POWER 18, FDOT 14, CITIES 7, GAS 7, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION 2, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION 1, ONE CALL CENTER 1. A TOTAL OF 62

**CHAIRMAN – JOHN CLARK, UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF FLORIDA
VICE CHAIRMAN – W. W. VIERDAY, FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION
SECRETARY – RAY COLBY, FLORIDA GAS COMPANY**

One member who attended that meeting is still active in the FUCC – Jim Haynie.

Jacking and Boring Sub-committee reported at their last meeting they had present some jacking and boring contractors to get their input to some of the terms and conditions which the FDOT wants to include in the agreement. The main questions are: whether or not it is suitable to use plastic conduit under State Roads. The other question is how to write the material specifications into the guide. The third question is the wording of the operating guidelines, how to position the auger on the boring machine in respect to the end of the conduit and how it varies to different types of soil.

Master Agreement of Construction Modifications Sub-committee. There was discussion on whether or not the number of the agreements justified the agreements. There was a lot of discussion and it was decided that a great deal more research needs to go into this.

There was discussion about Senate Bill 1340. The Bill was passed in June 1976 which gave the jurisdiction of State owned lands back to the Board of Trustees. We are right back to where we were a couple years ago some one stated. The Bill states that anyone requesting a permit to cross State lands would have to obtain a permit or easement or whatever rights required by the Board of Trustees to cross the land. There was lots of discussion.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – ART GILMORE

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the Secretary's Minutes. They were approved as written. There are still some of the members that do not have correct Email addresses on the membership list. If you are having problems receiving the minutes and meeting announcements please send an Email to the Secretary at: arthur.gilmore@pgnmail.com. By you sending an Email it will assure that your correct Email address is captured and updated in the membership list.

TREASURER'S REPORT – BRAD MARTIN for CHERYL RITTER

Beginning balance (July 29 th , 2001)	\$14,566.98
Income from registration & sponsors	\$8,038.32
Expenses for Marco Island	\$10,446.29
Ending balance (October 29 th , 2001)	\$12,159.01

PROGRAM

WORKSHOP: Impact of Highway Construction Standards on Utility Facilities

COMBINED INTEREST GROUP MEETING

Opening remarks were presented by Chuck Easterling a moment of silence was observed for Jan, John, Cheryl and Mark and self-introductions were made.

UTILITY PRODUCTION RATE SCHEDULE FOR FDOT

Dr. Ralph Ellis, University of Florida
Mr. John Shriner, FDOT State Scheduling Engineer

IMPROVING UTILITY COORDINATION ELECTRONICALLY

Ms. Kendra Porter, National eBusiness Manager HDR Engineering
Ms. Sharon Luginsland, Utility Coordinator TBE Group

MOT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Dale Cook, FDOT Traffic Services Engineer, State Maintenance Office

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION UPDATE – Ken Weldon

Ken updated the group on the progress of many of the key issues being handled by the Central Utility Office. He provided handouts of the Central Office Utilities Status Report and Utility Section Progress Report. Ken also notified the group of the FDOT new web home page address: <http://www11.myflorida.com/publicinformationoffice/business/business.htm> .

FUCC FALL BUSINESS MEETING

SUNSHINE STATE ONE CALL REPORT – Brad Martin

Mark Sweet is doing well at home, hopes to return to work at the office within two weeks and will attend the February FUCC meeting.

Business as usual, ticket volume down approx.2% compared to last year.

Irth Ticket Management System, implementation on February 8th, 2002. Information is posted on the web at the SSOCOF web site.

Affect of conversion on SSOCOF members.

Affect of conversion on excavators.

Training options.

Legislation, Chapter 556, Florida Statutes

FDOT DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT ONE – Sharon Luginsland

Last meeting was September 26th, 2001 at the Helmsley Sandcastle Hotel, Sarasota with 65 in attendance. Presentations included: Utility Exceptions, Frank Sullivan; Procedure changes within District Utilities Office, Walt Childs; Changes within the District, Ricky Langley. The next meeting will be held on the 4th Wednesday of March 2002, location to be announced.

DISTRICT TWO –

No report.

DISTRICT THREE – Brian Butler

The last meeting was held September 7th, 2001 in Panama City. Major topics included permitting processes for FDEP and Army Corp of Engineers. The next meeting will be in March 2002, date and location to be announced.

DISTRICT FOUR – Rocky DePrimo

The District Four Utility Department is electronically distributing its monthly Production and Letting Report to the utilities within the District. The District has received a positive response from the utility industry to the electronic delivery system. If anyone is interested in receiving a copy of the District's Production and Letting Status Report please call Bonnie Swierski at (954) 777-4126, or Email bonnie.swierski@dot.state.fl.us and provide your Email address.

DISTRICT FIVE – Bill Richards

The 5th District's Liaison Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 9th, 2002 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Orlando International Airport, 3835 McCoy Road, Orlando, Florida. It will start at 8:00 with registration and end at 4:00. The fee, which includes lunch, will be \$20.00. If anyone has any questions please contact Staci Nester at (386) 943-5250.

DISTRICT SIX –

No report.

DISTRICT SEVEN –

The District VII Semi-Annual Utility Liaison Meeting was held September 28th, 2001 at the Plantation Inn, Crystal River, Florida. We had approximately 102 people present. The presentations went very well. The proceeds from the annual golf tournament went to the American Red Cross to assist in the September 11th tragedy in New York.

New Committee officers for the coming year are:

Paul Wachter, Chairman
Ray Reyburn, Vice-Chairman
Les Weakland, Secretary
Sunny DeCoster, Sr. FDOT Representative

Stay tuned for the next meeting March 29th, 2002, location to be announced at a later date. Look for invitations in the mail. If you aren't currently on the mailing list, please feel free to send your company name, address, etc to District VII Utilities and we will add you to the database.

District VII has a large Work Program this year. We will soon be starting the I-275/I-4 Downtown Tampa Interchange. Lots of work being done in Pinellas County (US 19 & Drew), Pasco County has several large projects starting soon. We have a lot of Interstate projects going on as well as resurfacing work on State roads. Anyone interested in their area can download the Work Program from <http://www11.myflorida.com/publicinformationoffice/construc/constmap/d7.htm> .

District VII Utilities would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year's.

TURNPIKE UPDATE – Rodney Little

The turnpike held their 2nd annual charity golf tournament in September and raised approx. \$50,000, with \$40,000 going to the Central Florida United Way Agencies and \$10,000 going to Tildenville Elementary School.

Construction continues on the Seminole County Greenway from Lake Mary Blvd to I-4.

Design continues on the Western Beltway project in Orange and Osceola Counties, plans are at 90%.

Construction is underway on the new Thomas B. Manual Northbound Bridge over the St. Lucie Canal in Martin County.

Construction continues to widen the Homestead Extension of the Turnpike from SR 836 to I-75 in Miami-Dade County.

Construction continues on the widening of the Turnpike to 6 lanes from Boca Raton to Delray Beach in Palm Beach County.

Permanent Variable Message Signs are being installed over the travelway along the Turnpike and Homestead Extension.

The Turnpike Mail Room will return any and all mail that does not include the person's name for which the mail was intended as well as a return address.

INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

POWER – Brian Butler

The power interest group met Thursday, November 1st with 18 in attendance. Topics of discussion included:

Concerns with FDOT Design Build Concept

How can utilities design without plans?

Will the consultant consider the utility's interests?

Will individual agreements with consultants need to be executed?

Utilities not being considered in the designation of Design Build projects.

Establishment of guidelines (from utility perspective) for determining Design Build candidates.

Likelihood of delay claims will increase.

Reimbursement issues.

FDOT Design Build web page:

<http://www11.myflorida.com/construction/design-build/design-build.htm>

Advanced Clearing and Grubbing

Utilities cut trees 8' above ground FDOT pays for the work.
FDOT provide plans and specifications for clearing.

FDOT provide survey and certify right-of-way.

Benefit; reduced delay claims.

Not for all projects, partnering effort with D.U.E.

Increases in railroad crossing fees were discussed.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS – Noel Reese

The Telecommunications Interest Group met on Thursday, November 1st with 14 in attendance. Topics of discussion included:

Labeling of Facilities

Noel Reese (FPL FiberNet) asked the group how they marked their facilities in the R/W, and specifically the distances between their markings, i.e. every pole, every other pole, etc. Simmon Reed of the FDOT said that cables in FDOT R/W had to be marked every 500' and at major crossings.

Ground Effect Radar

A question was asked on the general acceptance of ground effect radar and how many of the attending companies were using it to locate facilities. Additional discussion followed.

Clearing and Grubbing

Simmon Reed of FDOT spoke about advanced clearing and grubbing and asked for the group's opinions about it. The general consensus by non-FDOT attendees was that it would be addressed on a case by case basis. Gordon Wheeler of FDOT stated that it would be addressed via Selective Utility Work Agreements.

Florida Simplified Tax Act

Bob Lowen of Bell South stated that some municipalities were getting really creative in trying to get Bell South to pay more permit fees. None of the other attendees had encountered this in their areas.

Industry Pay Items

Simmon Reed of FDOT highlighted the issue of FDOT's plan to go to industry pay items and how FDOT would be trying to get industry buyin on this issue. There was considerable discussion with many questions and few answers.

UNDERGROUND – Janice Davis

The Underground Interest Group met Thursday, November 1st with 24 in attendance. Topics of discussion included:

Lawree Washington of TECO asked Ken Weldon about their Master Agreement. Ken said it was available on FDOT's web site and that it was to the utility's advantage to have a Master Agreement.

John Murphy of G.A.I. Consultants talked about utilities needing to be more precise on Dependant Activities for the Utility Relocation Schedule. Ken Weldon suggested that utilities needed to establish units of work for their installations that can be utilized on the schedule.

Means and methods of electronic bidding were discussed. Ken Weldon stated that electronic bidding is due to start in January 2002.

No agenda was set for the fall meeting. Ken Weldon suggested that future meetings have an agenda. He said that he would be glad to listen to problems utilities are having with FDOT and is interested in solving them.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

STEERING COMMITTEE – Chuck Easterling

The Steering Committee met Thursday afternoon at Jacksonville with 14 in attendance. Items of discussion included:

SSOCOF Damage Prevention Councils and Common Ground Alliance.

Awards Nominations.

Request for Proposal for Conference Planner.

UAM/STANDARDS REVIEW – Carlos Solis

No report.

UTILTIY SUBORINATION – Arlene Brown

No report.

JOINT USE – Earl Christian

No report.

E-BUSINESS/WEBPAGE – Sharon Luginsland

Committee members include: Greg James – City of Lakeland, Steve Tidwell – TBE, Kim Wiley – Verizon, Brian Moschetto – Ash Engineering

An RFP was sent to six webmasters, the deadline for response is November 12, 2001.

Determined from this point on, Conference Planner needs to be a subcommittee member.

Working on developing a new look for the website as far as color and text. Will send out options via FUCC Secretary for the membership to vote on for adoption.

CADD TRANSFER – Jan Ash

No report.

MEMBERSHIP – Jan Ash

No report.

DESIGN TICKET – Janice Davis

The group met Wednesday, October 31st with 16 in attendance.

Carlos Solis related the history of the evolution of the design ticket. He said several versions were being floated around since the adoption of Version 2.1 by the SSOCOF Board of Directors. He said FDOT wants words to exempt their contractors from having to pay utilities for locating.

Design ticket members did not have a problem with the version 2.1 design ticket as it was written.

The committee decided to recommend to the group to go to the next board meeting and design ticket work shop at SSOCOF since there was no way of knowing which version would be adopted next.

CONFERENCE PLANNING – Ed Garcia

Winter meeting: Ocala Hilton February 6th – 8th 2002

Spring meeting: Embassy Suites, Miami May 1st – 3rd 2002

Summer meeting: Marco Island Hilton July 31st – August 2nd 2002

PROGRAM PLANNING – Dennis La Belle

(Dennis I need your report)

INDUSTRY UPDATES

NATIONAL HIGHWAY UTILITY CONFERENCE – Dennis La Belle

Meeting was held in Phoenix, Arizona. Topics and concerns expressed at the meetings and workshops included:

GIS/GPS growth and expanded uses, permitting using GIS.

SUE workshop announcing the ASCE codes and standards to be released in January 2002: Collection and Depiction of Existing Subsurface Utility Data.

Risk management.

SUE engineer

Coordination of data.

One call response using as-built data not SUE data is still causing utility hits/claims. Design build contracts: some good, some bad.

A presentation about a 12 lane DOT project in Houston Texas.

New utilities placed in the R/W during design and construction.

Frequency of pavement cuts.

Permit fees may be associated to excessive pavement cuts.

Events of September 11th, 2001 may cause some reluctance of sharing of utility data – facility security.

Utilities in RAW

Travel lanes, including interstates.

Woodrow Wilson Bridge

Connects Maryland and Virginia over the Potomac River east of Washington National Airport.

50 million dollars in relocation costs.

2 billion dollar project overall.

Fiberglass poles, video with presentation by Shakespeare.

A Geo Metro crash test at 35 mph and 70 mph.

Downsizing in DOT's and utilities.

Adds consultants possibilities.

Created a low turnout.

15 SUE providers present.

Many SUE issues presented and discussed.

Paul Scott FHWA announced that Bob Milliken will be creating a National Association of SUE Providers.

WINTER MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be held February 6th through 8th 2002 at the Ocala Hilton located at 3600 SW 36th Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34474. Room Rate is \$89 plus 6% tax. Please register by January 16th by calling (352) 854-1400. Pre-registration for the meeting is \$50 (prior to 1/16/02) and \$60 on site. Make pre-registration checks payable to Fucc and submit to Cheryl Ritter, Fucc Treasurer, 1619 Eastlake Way, Weston, Florida 33326. On site registration for the workshop only will be \$20.

Respectfully submitted,



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