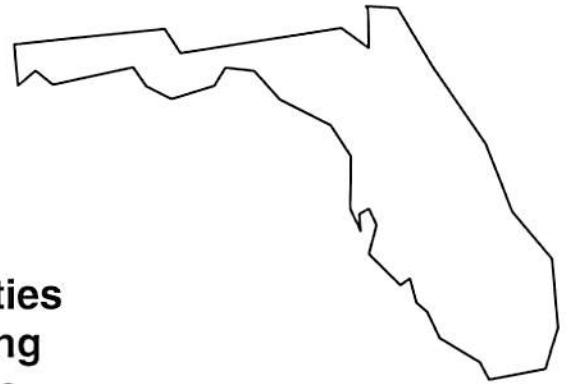


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MEETING MINUTES
August 6 – 8, 2003
Marco Island, Fl

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John Pugh
941-748-3816

Vice Chairman
Arthur Gilmore
727-893-9255

Secretary
Lawree Washington
813-228-1564

Historian
Tom Duggar
850-599-1543

Chairman John Pugh called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. He gave the opening remarks and Jerrold Whitt gave the Invocation and tribute to the flag.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – LAWREE WASHINGTON

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the Secretary's Minutes. They were approved as written. The group was reminded of the new Email Group for the FUCC. To become a member of the group send an Email to: FUCC@callsunshine.com. In the subject line type the word: subscribe, you will automatically be added to the group and will begin receiving all future electronic mail outs. The FUCC web site is up and running at the old address: <http://www.fucc.org>.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT – Lawree Washington for Tom Duggar

FIFTY YEARS AGO – August 14, 1953, El Commodore Hotel, Miami, Fla.

CHAIRMAN – G. L. KENNY JR., FLORIDA POWER CORP
VICE CHAIRMAN – Lawrence H. Finney, Florida Telephone Corp.
SECRETARY – Ken Williams, Intercounty Telephone and Telegraph Co.

ATTENDANCE: TELEPHONE 7, POWER 9, FDOT 1, RAILROAD 1,
RAILROAD & PSC, 1. A TOTAL OF 19.

Lee County Electric Corporation wished to thank the State Road Department for their cooperation in building the line from Immokalee to Marco Island. On this line the Joslyn Company was experimenting with some stainless steel anchor rods to see if they would withstand the corrosion from the salt water and air.

American Telephone & Telegraph Company reported that they have all towers erected between Jacksonville and Atlanta for TV. These towers are from 250 to 400 feet high and will withstand wind velocity of 160 miles per hour. The towers average 25 miles apart.

Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company stated that on their Miami to Fort Myers toll line that they had sprayed the brush once a year for three years and at the present time all brush is apparently dead. The Power Companies as a rule are still clearing their right of ways by hand and bull dozers. It was brought out the fact that extreme care had to be used in spraying as the wind would some times blow spray entirely across the road and kill trees on other property.

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO: August 10, 1978, Ponce De Leon Lodge,
St. Augustine, Fl.**

ATTENDANCE: TELEPHONE 14, POWER 15, FDOT 6, CITIES 2, GAS 3, PUBLIC SERVICE COMM. 3, ONE CALL CENTER 2, COUNTIES 3, Army Corp of Engineers. A TOTAL OF 48.

CHAIRMAN – RAY COLBY, FLORIDA GAS COMPANY
VICE CHAIRMAN – CHRIS ANDERSON, JACKSONVILLE ELECTRIC AUTHORITY
SECRETARY – PAUL MUNDY, GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY

Members who attended that meeting are still active in the FUCC
Dennis LaBelle, Charles Andrews, Rocco DePrimo and Jim Wright.

The Joint Use Master Agreement Subcommittee presented the final draft. There were objections in the committee concerning references to the National Electric Safety Code, which is no longer accepted by the Florida Public Service Commission. It was agreed by the Committee and the Department of Transportation to remove the reference of NESC and replace with Florida Public Service Commission requirements.

The Department of Transportation presented a program on DOT Joint Project Agreement. This agreement relates to Utility relocation and modification work that is to be performed by the Department's contractor and requires special attention to contract procedures to insure proper description of materials and work involved. All Utility owners and involved consultant engineers firms should be aware of these requirements prior to the development of utility plans and contracts.

TREASURER REPORT – Cheryl Ritter

Cheryl Ritter gave the Treasurer's report and turned over the responsibility to the new Treasurer, Jan Ash. Cheryl stated it has been a privilege to serve as Treasurer for the past five years and thanked the FUCC members for the opportunity.

Bank Balance: \$10,452.45

Full Registration: 126
Workshop Only: 5
Total Attendance: 131

PROGRAM

WORKSHOP: ELECTRONIC PERMITTING

Presented By

Dr. Cesar Quiroga, TTI

*Is an Associate Research Engineer at the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI),
an affiliate of the Texas A&M University System.*

Mr. Phil Meis, Utility Mapping Services, Inc.

*Is the Principal Engineer of Utility Mapping Services, Inc., an engineering
company he started in Helena, Montana, that specializes in utility-related work*

Mr. Bill Hetherington, Lee County Electric Cooperative

*Is the Vice-President for Engineering of the Lee County Electric Cooperative in Fort Myers,
Florida.*

FUCC/TRB Workshop

“Electronic Permitting”

Each year, transportation agencies nationwide grant thousands of permits to utility companies to install utilities within the highway right of way (ROW). Unfortunately, current utility data management practices at many transportation agencies are frequently not appropriate. As a result, those transportation agencies do not really know the location and status of utility installations that are placed within the highway ROW. This workshop will describe a prototype Internet-based utility permit data collection and management system that supports both data transfer and map viewing capabilities. The prototype uses a centralized data management architecture with distributed map and data access capabilities that enables data and file uploading and access to utility data using online tabular forms and maps.

The system architecture includes two subsystems—a permit data management subsystem and a web mapping subsystem—that support a utility company user interface and an administrative interface.

COMBINED INTEREST GROUP MEETING

The opening remarks and announcements were presented by John Pugh and self-introductions were made.

FDOT Update – Ken Weldon

Dispute Review Board (DRB): The Central Office notified the FUCC at the Key Largo Meeting (May 2003) that the FDOT is extending the opportunity to the Utility Industry to participate DRB activities. This was reiterated at the Marco island Meeting (Aug 2003) to stimulate further interest. Basically this means those who wish to be included as DRB arbitrators must attend minimal training and be added to the State Construction Office's list. Here is how it works. Per chance a Utility has a claim against a Contractor or visa versa. One arbitrator for each party (Contractor and Utilities) will hear the case and make a recommendation on settlement. It

is up to the parties to accept or reject the recommendation and is non-binding. However, once an issue has been handled by a DRB, the courts usually support their recommendation recognizing they are experts in technical issues. So this is an opportunity to deal with issues outside the court system including cost and time delays. Arbitrators receive \$1100 a day for participating. The parties pay these fees but it is a lot less than court and attorney fees and you have peer representation. If you are interested please write the State Construction Office, Attention Ananth Prasad, State Construction Engineer, PE. 605 Suwannee Street - MS 31, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450. Express your interest and ask for a package containing details on training, expectations, and rules.

Accessing Utilities Internet Forms: Please clear your computer cache before attempting to pull down Utility forms for use from the internet. The Web IP address has been changed by the Office Of Forms And Procedures who controls all file archives. If you try to access a form your computer may pull an old form from computer cache memory rather than actually access the Web Site and the result may be wasted time submitting an inappropriate form. Clearing your cache will force your computer to access the FDOT web site for the appropriate form. You will access the forms the same way you always did. There is no change in form names, only addresses. The address change is transparent in the system.

FUCC Mail List: The FDOT is trying hard to improve on communicating issues directly to the FUCC Membership. However, about 25% of the names show those addresses do not exist or contain some other error code. So we don't know if your getting mail or not. Even though it says it wasn't delivered, we know in some cases it does get delivered while most do not. Secondly, we waste a tremendous amount of time going back and deleting all these error messages and it has come to the point after the third error message we will delete your name from the mail list we use. Please check what is on the FUCC Mail list in detail. The error could result from showing a comma in place of a period or including a space, or the difference between an underscore versus a hyphen. We prefer using the FUCC Mail list to generating our own because it is supposedly updated at each meeting. Please help us communicate with you! **REMEMBER!** Unless your name and address is correct on the list, you will not receive notification on accessing the UAM Changes on the Internet for commenting on Rule Adoption. FAC Chapter 120 does not require the FDOT to notify you by internet but we want too. But we can't if you don't provide valid information.

Designating & Locating: There is much diversity in terminology between SUE and Consulting firms, One Call, and the FDOT on terminology. The FDOT strongly encourages adoption of the terms as presented in ASCE Standard CI/ASCE 38-02 Standard Guideline for the Collection and Depiction of Existing Subsurface Utility Data. I have found even SUE providers do not use the same language and what you think you are getting may not be the same from one company to the next or even what the FDOT expects. Also SS 556 as sponsored by One Call does not conform to the adopted ASCE Standard. In order to minimize confusion and reduce the potential for claims we urge you to review the cited Standard and begin applying it in practice and printing new advertisements. We also encourage you to request One Call to revise SS 556 accordingly. Steven Tidwell has been appointed as the Point Man for these issues for the FDOT. If you have any helpful comments or wish to offer support contact Steve at Steve.Tidwell@DOT.STATE.FL.US

FUCC Committees: There have been some unfortunate medical problems that have resulted in the inability of key people to participate to the degree necessary to assure issues are properly addressed. You are encouraged to take an active part in such things as the UAM Changes. The FDOT has strong concerns that the Task Team does not have adequate representation from each

of the industries. It is our desire to move forward with a positive venue of changes and not be blind sighted later by objections due to lack of appropriate participation. We encourage each of the industries (water, sewer, gas, power, telephone, telecommunications, etc) to have an assigned person to represent there interest area in the UAM review and not leave this extremely important issue up to one or two people. These few are doing their best but they cannot and should not have to shoulder this burden alone.

7TH ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

Session Monitor: Art Gilmore - FPC

Power Interest Group

Electrical Distribution: Misconceptions & the Concept of Program Management

Presented by

Ed Breza, Director of Inter-Agency Affairs, JEA

The JEA had to overcome the enormous increase in workload as a result of implementation of the Better Jacksonville Plan (BJP) and the FDOT District 2 roadway expenditure increase. In order to accomplish this, it was inevitable to outsource electrical relocation design as well as overhead to underground construction to be included in the state and municipal roadway contracts. The inclusion of electrical distribution work entirely into the JPA has been accomplished and the fruits of allowing the prime roadway designer and prime roadway contractor the control of this design and construction are just beginning to become evident. The presentation addressed this and the concept of Program Management presently in place between the City of Jacksonville and the JEA.

Telecommunication Interest Group

Telecommunication Facilities: Locations and Equipment

Presented by

Vinnie LaVallette, TBE Group

TBA

Locating underground cable is no longer a hit and miss situation. There are more and more sophisticated equipment to precisely locate all types of underground facilities. This presentation reviewed the types of locating equipment; indicate their effective usage and the importance of actuate locating.

Underground Interest Group

Eminent Domain and Its Effect on Existing Utility Company Easement during the FDOT's Right-of-Way Procurement

Presented by

Gary DeJidas, President, GAI Consultants

The presentation reviewed the legal background of the Eminent Domain procedures which will review several case study reports on recent acquisitions.

Governmental Agency

Lessons Learned On Design Build Projects

*Presented by
Brian Blanchard, FDOT
Consultant - TBA
Utility – TBA*

Design-Build projects have been evolving ever since its inception. Now that we have time and experience under our belt, the process is evolving. We will be giving an update on the process and the potential solutions to some of the problems.

FUCC FALL BUSINESS MEETING

SUNSHINE STATE ONE CALL REPORT – Cheryl Ritter

Cheryl promoted the Internet Ticket Entry and partnerships between SSOCOF and the utilities companies. She asked if the contractors installing utilities were using the Internet Ticket Entry (ITE) for requesting locate tickets instead of calling SSOCOF. If they are not, why not? It is the preferred way of doing business!

She asked the utility companies to partner with SSOCOF by requiring the contractors that install their utilities to use Internet Ticket Entry for requesting locate tickets rather than calling SSOCOF. She also asked for a list of contractors and contacts that do the installations so that liaisons can contact them to offer damage prevention and safety presentations.

DAMAGE PREVENTION™ *conference and exposition*

December 3 – 5, 2003
Tampa Convention Center
Tampa, FL

Free lunch, exhibit hall passes available to Sunshine State One-Call damage prevention partners

As host of the 2003 Damage Prevention Conference (DPC), Sunshine State One Call invites its damage prevention partners to attend a luncheon and the DPC exhibit hall free, Thursday, December 4, 2003 in Tampa, FL. Pre-registration for the lunch is required. Registration forms for the lunch will be available at the conference's official web site, <http://www.damageprevention.com/damageprevention/tampa/index.po> or you can call (800) 827-8009.



J D Maniscalco, co-chair of the One-Call Systems International Committee of the Common Ground Alliance (CGA) and executive director for Colorado's one call center, will speak at the luncheon on an issue that affects everyone in underground facility damage prevention—damage reporting. He will highlight Colorado's state data collection effort and touch upon plans for implementing a national data program.

Those who wish to attend the full conference will learn about emerging technologies designed to identify practical, technical solutions for third party damages and the latest advancements including a new fiber-optics cable that listens for jack hammers or back hoes and reports the potential intrusion to owners in real time.

FDOT REPORTS

DISTRICT ONE – Jerrold Whitt

The Spring meeting of the District One Utility Liaison Committee was held on March 26, 2003, at the Best Western Diplomat Inn. A total of approximately 72 people were in attendance.

Mr. Legvold and Ms. McClinton presented a program on FDOT Design-Build Projects from the Utility Industry point of view. Questions, answers and comments followed.

Mike Williams, District Director of Production, introduced himself and provided a brief background description. He has worked for FDOT from 1990 to 2001, and left for two years to work for PBS&J. He returned to FDOT in August 2002, as Director of Production, and is currently responsible for all pre-construction, including utilities.

Mr. Walt Childs presented a Utility update. He discussed the Work Program handout and highlighted the Design-Build summary and conventional projects. He began by giving the following terms descriptions and followed with questions and answers.

Jerry Novak gave an SSOCOF update.

Local Group Reports:

- Manatee
- Polk
- Sarasota
- Charlotte
- Collier

DISTRICT TWO –

No Report

DISTRICT THREE – Robert H. Ellis

1) The District 3 Semi-Annual Liaison Meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 12, 2003 at Panama City Beach at the Boardwalk Resort and Conference Center. (Speakers tentatively scheduled are: Edward Prescott (Dist. Secretary), Gene Martin (Director of Production), Tommy Barfield (New Director of Production) and Bob Burlison of (FTBA)). The meeting will be from 8:00 CST to 12:00 CST.

2) The DUO has issued a memorandum to all Utility Companies about their compliance with Ch. 119 of F.S., which addresses public records law. It is the JAOs responsibility to ensure that all FDOT plans are properly handled.

3) D3 is working on a plans note that will require the use of non intrusive equipment when installing mast arms and overhead sign structures and their foundations. Overhead lines should not have to be moved due to a particular chosen method of construction, if another common method exists that will not intrude. (Some of our contractors still use the old well drilling type operations with the 30'/40' booms that, in some areas, with

limited R/W, violates the 10' OSHA regulation). In order for them not to violate the OSHA regs, they expect the owner of the overhead facility to either move up to taller poles or move out of the way entirely. It is so much simpler and cost effective if the contractor would use equipment that will not cause lengthy/costly relocation. That is the reason for the special note in the plans.

DISTRICT FOUR – Rocky DePrimo

District 4 continues an electronic mail-out of its Production and Letting Status Report. This report opens a two-year window for the utility industry to review the status of district projects on a monthly basis. This allows the utility industry to plan resources to support the Department's schedules. The District continues to support local groups..

DISTRICT FIVE – Bill Richards

Gary Bass is the 5th District's new Utility Administrator. Gary has over 30 years of experience with the Department as a Project Manager and most recently as the District's Value Engineer. Gary's challenge is to fill both positions (District Utility Administrator/Value Engineer) and hire a new utility manager for the position vacated after Joe Nero's retirement and an additional individual to assist in value engineering assignments.

The 5th District Liaison Committee is preparing for next years meeting with Vince Montgomery (Orlando Utility Commission) as the Chairman and Vinnie LaVallette (TBE Group) as Co-Chairman. Staci Weddle and Trish Miller of the 5th District Utility Office are working with and supporting the committee. The date and location will be announced as soon as final arrangements have been made.

DISTRICT SIX – Pedro Ugas

No Report

DISTRICT SEVEN – Steven J. Tidwell

District VII has scheduled the next Liaison Conference for September 26, 2003 at the Plantation Golf and Tennis Resort. Guest Speakers include District Project Management Engineer, Mr. Ron Caldi to speak on the FDOT 5 Year Work Program. Mr. Bruce Kennedy PE, Pasco County Director of Utilities, to cover the various projects in the county. Additionally, speakers from Citrus County, to cover the county's Work Program and a presentation on Homeland Security, by PBS&J. Steven Tidwell along with Central Office Utilities will update on the recent changes within the Department.

TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE UPDATE – Jim Kervin, Turnpike Utility Engineer

The Turnpike Enterprise has developed a Strategic Plan for 2003-2008. We will provide updates as the programs move forward. One of the strategies is to develop a prototype highway to showcase the best and latest technologies. Along with other improvements, the Enterprise has proposed open road tolling for the Sawgrass Expressway in Broward County. With ORT, there would be no toll plazas, no toll collectors and no lane restrictions. Customers would no longer stop to pay tolls but would operate at highway speeds. Customers would pay all tolls electronically. It is planned to have open road tolling in place by the end of 2008.

Project Updates:

FPIDs 403497-2, 403497-3, 403498-2 and 403498-3. These projects will extend the Western Beltway (SR 429) from near Ocoee in Orange County to I-4 in Osceola County a distance of approximately 22 miles working with Orlando Orange County Expressway Authority (OOCEA) in the development of this project. These are major projects with significant utility involvement. We are heavily involved with utility coordination on these projects. Plans will be completed late this year and early next year. Construction is scheduled to start in 2004 with completion of all sections slated for December 2006.

FPID 404214-1. This project is for a new interchange with CR 470 and the Turnpike in Lake County. The new interchange will provide direct access to the City of Leesburg. Construction is scheduled to start this summer with completion in March of 2005. Existing power, telephone and gas lines have to be relocated.

FPID 232074-1. This project is for a new interchange with SR 710 and the Turnpike in Palm Beach County. The new interchange will relieve crowding at existing interchanges in north Palm Beach County. The consultant is currently preparing 90% plans. The project letting is scheduled for January 2004 with construction completion scheduled for May 2006. Minor utility relocations are associated with this project. We are also working with FDOT District 4 on a railroad crossing upgrade as part of the project.

FPIDs 406094-1 and 406097-1. These projects are for widening of the Turnpike from 6 to 8 and 10 lanes in Broward County. The projects are in the early stages of design. There will be extensive utility involvement on both projects. The proposed letting date is March 2005 with construction slated to begin June 2005. Approximately twelve miles of the Turnpike will be upgraded.

FPID 406092-1. This project is to widen the Turnpike mainline from Atlantic Avenue to the Lantana mainline toll plaza in Palm Beach County from 4 to 6 lanes and ultimately to 8 lanes. Also a new toll plaza will be added at Atlantic Avenue. Plans are currently at 60% with letting scheduled for April 2004 and a construction start of June 2004. Construction will take approximately two years. Extensive utility relocations will occur at Atlantic Avenue.

INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

POWER – Ed H. Dendor – JEA

22 in attendance

Items Discussed:

1. Jeannie Rogers was nominated and accepted as the new Chairperson.
2. We discussed Work Management Systems (WMS) as it related to allocation of material for turnkey contractor operations.
3. We discussed the complications related to mast arm traffic signal installations.

We discussed the Utility Accommodation Manual (UAM) and the recent discussions with FDOT and how to better manage the many documents, which may have revisions to them on a regular basis

TELECOMMUNICATIONS – Robert Lowen

Bob Lowen: BellSouth
Jim Farrell: BellSouth
Alan Rudolph: BellSouth
Steve Berghane: BellSouth
Louis Panzer: Innovative Data Management, IDM
Al Harlow: Ground Hog
Roger McClellan: Federal Highway Administration (replaced Paul Scott)
Gary Monday: Ash Engineering
Jay Gordon: Byers Engineering
Rocco DiPrimo, FDOT
Dennis Black: Brighthouse Networks
Don Anthony: Brighthouse Networks, Pinellas
Gary Cary, AllTel
Jessie Spires, Central Locating Services, CLS
John Pugh, Brighthouse Networks
Vinnie LaVallette: TBE Group
Ed Brower: BellSouth
Larry Mayernik: Palm Beach County
Don Anthony: Brighthouse Networks
Ricky Noland: BellSouth
Marilyn Pineau: Utility Consultants
Rick Renfrow: BellSouth
Jorgen Bergstrom: General Eng. Geophysics

Topics for the morning:.

Bob would share his chair with someone...it needs to be cleared up today.

Cannot run a second year...someone must step up.

Arlene? Would she be willing to take charge?

Vinnie has assumed role of chairperson.

John Pugh: UAM, no chairperson, lots of people involved but no takers on the chairman...they need to step up because the interests of UAM affect all of the stakeholders. Telecom needs representation.

Earl Christian and Carlos Solis cards available for signing

Earl at Moffit and began treatment...6-8 weeklong treatment. Stem cell therapy...removal of blood and then high concentration of chemo.

2-3 weeks in Moffit then on to Oak Lodge: 2-3 weeks then home. He is at risk for several months.

Ken is going to put the UAM on the Internet unofficially for review by everyone.

Comments will help guide the direction of the final rule making process.

Earl and David met with K Weldon 4 or 5 months ago...resolution unknown.

Legislative format has made the document pretty large...it is available through FTP because of email limitations.

Plans are not currently posted for pulling. Security prohibits this. They can send them directly to the requestor. It will be coming however...

2-3 weeks only for a posting...this is because of file server space.

National Joint Use Conference, and National Highway Utility Conference Orlando, Rosen Center Hotel

Rosaline: 3 workshops: each day (see brochure for details)

Always a good thing to attend...good information abounds.

Roger McClellan: Federal Highway Administration (FHA)

Came from VADOT...some of the technologies are out, (SUE) is being promoted heavily. Studies show SUE provides a good cost savings: \$4.00 return on each dollar spent. ASC has a standard

for SUE and it is recognized as an engineering practice. "Potholing" is now standardized with new equipment and techniques. Also resource sharing...would like to hear from the group about resource sharing

There are studies underway to determine whether fiber optics and other utilities along the roadways. "Is there a need for telecoms to ride the interstates?"

BL: aren't there pathways available in South FL?

A new RFP is out there to put routes along the interstates...Missouri example cited.

SUE should be done for safety reasons in the high consequence areas.

A consultant came in to educate FDOT on ITS about putting it along the right of ways. Cameras and counters.... All sounds good but in reality a can of worms. Caution is recommended and there are horror stories of states where (Maryland was the only success) the fiber routes for interstate carried signal but the state itself ended up with nothing.

Federal gov got involved because of these problems. Negotiate the sharing of the fiber with local companies...revenue stream? MN tried this. MO was very successful.

Florida DOT is certainly looking at this. Very active. The RFP was so good that it couldn't get financing for it. Many issues and pictures and documentation of the problems in other states. IE. If everyone has access to the 30 pair then everyone wants to establish a box and it becomes unsightly. The Telecom Act did give them a right to enter the game but it also allowed for the state to charge...

Tower in Rock Creek...(?) Easements and permits required in Florida...is the land endangered? Is it sensitive? Poles disguised as trees...

Jay: did a watch paper on MN DOT project. BS was against the principals of what MN DOT suggested. The MN went to FCC. One of the main problems with the project was that utilities relinquished the rights to place facility on ROW. If you had a new need to get in the easement, there were no rights to get in. FL proposal...is this going to be an issue? No. All financially driven. 2,700 miles originally in the RFP. The second one tried to make it more attractive by reducing the size. The districts had to make the decision to make their own system.

All ITS facility buildings need to be linked...Broward will be up in a year. Dade County is up and running. 40 duct fiber for DOT as a cost for ROW entrance. Would the resources be shared? Yes for \$\$\$\$. 12 ducts were put in the ground for reason of re-selling the space on the other fiber.

MN trial: if we sign up, giving up ROW...Just interstate or all roads? A third party would intervene for any involvement. If you have a problem with 3rd party company...you could not put it in. Only on limited access row.

There were some good points in theory. Only dealing with one company, reduction in permitting hassles.

The big problem for BS was the relinquishing of rights.

Restoration was a big unknown. Procedures weren't covered well. I.e. if you are transporting high intensity data and voice communication and there are banks insurance companies down, there was no protocol or priority in the restoration of service. This needed to be clearly defined.

Completed MASTEC DOT owned fiber network on 95. 595 was put in a few years back.

? as a company providing SUE, in Orlando BellSouth shut down their SUE provider on the job. A representative not in a DOT car had opened a cross-box. Ricky challenged the person. In Orlando, there were people going into the manholes to tone the facilities. They were knocking sheath of the cables. This is why they were shut down. There were surveyors with no marks on the vehicles.

NO ONE should be in the manholes other than designated BellSouth. Communication is required before access granted. Sheath needs to be removed because of the signal strength.

Jessie, CLS There are ways to get in there and locate without interfering with the sheath.

The issue is that owners need to know. There have been cross-boxes left open.

The company needs to do a better job in keeping the boxes locked up.

Different OSHA standards. If someone goes in who doesn't meet standards, there are liability issues. What is the law regarding ROW vs. easement.

BS owns the manhole within a DOT row. Trespassing is what is happening.

Something going to DOT for a SUE locate to provide notification to owner before access.

Parameters to get permitting before gaining access.

Licensed contractors that go into BS property must sign an agreement that outlines the requirements for popping, blowing sizing the hole, testing for gas, etc.

They should all be on board with the agreement. There are contractors that have the rights to get in as long as they follow the procedures and guidelines. They may not know BS requirements if they don't have the agreement. NOT just BS issue.

New laws relating to telecom because of 911. We need to have something more in place to identify people going in to the manholes. Perhaps contacting the local manager of the facility owner.

Ricky Noland's job with BellSouth. Facility Awareness Coordinator.

Large coverage area. 556 law is his prime responsibility 14 PCIs working under him. R is looking for violators and prevents the unauthorized access of BS facility.

Bob Lowen receives all design requests. Plans come to him in Palm Beach.

Design Ticket briefly discussed...concern about double charging. IDM provides Design services to Orlando, Gainesville regions. This is an outsourced program that works because the information is delivered quickly and accurately.

Locking up of the facilities...there needs to be double barriers (NESC)...but even one good barrier will stop trespassing from happening.

UNDERGROUND – John A. Murphy, GAI Consultants, Co-Chair Underground

The Underground Interest Group had forty-eight in attendance at its meeting. The Following subjects and reports were given:

- **FDOT's Dispute Review Board** – There is a genuine interest from the underground owner to have representation on the FDOT's Dispute Review Board (DRB). However, additional information on its functions may resolve questions from the utility owners.

Janice Davis ask why and how a claim could be resolved by a DRB when it originates from a JPA portion of a project. The City of Tampa feels, in a JPA, the Department should support the Utility. The Utility has a contract with the FDOT for their work. However, it appears the contractor and FDOT team up against the utility owner. The DRB is not a "cure-all" to future litigation. However, very often the findings of the DRB do hold up in court. The DRB is a method of resolving disputes without going into court. The injured parties can always take their issues to a higher authority

Additional information can be found on a FDOT's Web site: my.florida.com – Construction Office – Dispute Review Board – Guidelines. The site also lists current members of the DRB.

- **SUNSHINE STATE ONE CALL OF FLORIDA (SSOCOF)** There was a presentation of the Positive Response System to be implemented by SSOCOF. This system is to be implemented by January 1, 2004 and will contain requirement for the membership to provide positive responses for excavation contractors. Members must notify SSOCOF of their actions. The excavators must check back with SSOCOF on the status of each response. The goal is implementation of testing is October 1, 2003.

There is a Design Ticket Workshop feasibility study underway by Mark Sweet and Dave Irwin. Members will be required to comply with the name and telephone number of their contact person to be implemented in October 2003. The utility Agency/owner is to provide a positive response with name and telephone number, along with the cost of actual field locations. SSOCOF will not recommend or be involved with the setting of fees or Design Ticket Requests. Janice Davis stated she felt the requests for Design Tickets are not clear and suggest the utility industry may not have clearly educated. Sunny DeCosta recanted a problem he recently had on an FDOT project. Further investigation uncovered information that the damage to private property may have occurred during the soil investigation phase of the project, not utility coordination.

SSOCOF has a Home Owners Brochure which is available.

SSOCOF is investigating some type of acknowledgement to be given to contractors who do not damage utilities.

SSOCOF prefers Inter-Net Ticket requests to the Call Center.

SSOCOF is hosting a workshop in the Tampa area on December 4, 2004 in association with a "Damage Prevention Conference." There is a free lunch if you attend the conference.

Sharon Luginsland, Sr. Utility Coordinator with MACTEC will be the chairperson of the Underground Group for the next year.

John Murphy and Luis Castellanos, Co-Chairs, thank the group for their participation this part year in keeping the meetings lively and on focus.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

STEERING COMMITTEE – Art Gilmore

The Steering Committee met Thursday afternoon at Marco Island. There were several items of discussion.

- Jan Ash presented the committee with the proposed nominations of the Nominations/Awards Subcommittee for the offices of Historian, Tom Dugger, Treasurer, Jan Ash, and Secretary, John Murphy. These nominations will be placed before the general membership at Friday's business meeting.
- Art Gilmore provided the committee the list of nominations for the Steering Committee for next year. These will be presented to the group for a vote at the Friday business meeting. Nominations are as follows.

Chairman
Telephone
Power
Gas, Water, Sewer

Lawree Washington, TECO People's Gas
Vinnie LaVallette, TBE Group
Jeannie Rogers, Progress Energy
Sharon Luginsland, Mactec

CATV
Govt. Utilities
Govt. Non-Utilities
FDOT
Railroad
Contractor
Consultant
One Call
FPSC

Dennis Black, Bright House Networks
Janice Davis, City of Tampa Water Dept.
Ray Reyburn, Pinellas County Permitting
Rocco De Primo, FDOT District IV
Ken Beckham, CSX Railroad
Steve McLaughlin, McLaughlin, Inc.
Sharon Luginsland, Mactec
Cheryl Ritter, Sunshine State One Call
Jim Ruehl, Florida Public Service Commission

- The Committee had some discussion on and decided to establish a Subcommittee for Strategic Planning. Jan Ash and Rocco De Primo agreed to co-chair the committee.
- There was a short discussion among members of the group about possible affiliation with the Common Ground Alliance.
- Dennis La Belle presented the group an idea for a future workshop on Moving Utilities for Highway Construction, Overhead and Underground, from the Utility's perspective.
- Art Gilmore presented the group with the list of subcommittees and chairs that he will be establishing at Friday's business meeting. Those subcommittees and chairs are as follows.

Nominations/Awards
UAM/Standards Review
Membership
E Business
Joint Use
Conference Planning
Program Planning
Design Ticket
Strategic Planning

John Pugh, Bright House Networks
Ed Breza, Jacksonville Electric Authority
Cheryl Ritter, Sunshine State One Call
Sharon Luginsland, Mactec
Don Anthony, Bright House Networks
Ed Garcia, Florida Power and Light
Dennis La Belle, M&T Consultants
Janice Davis, City of Tampa Water Dept.
Jan Ash / Rocco De Primo

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

MEMBERSHIP – Jan Ash

No report

DESIGN TICKET - Janis Davis

No report

UAM/STANDARDS REVIEW – John Pugh

- There was 31 people in attendance Thursday August 7 th
- We discussed that we all didn't know the issues remaining
- Orange Vests/MOT, Colors as far as safety of like color equipment and same color vests
- Requirements, relax standards for County and City
- New Provisions on access of DOT plans, exempt documents and security requests
- Ken Weldon helped us out with some discussion, but was giving this presentation Thursday afternoon so he didn't elaborate
- We discussed about having one person from each Utility to represent their issues
- We have a new Chairman for the UAM Committee- Ed Breza

JOINT USE – Earl Christian

No Report

E-BUSINESS/WEBPAGE – Sharon Luginsland

The E-Business Subcommittee, with concurrence from the officers, has elected to discontinue the Maintenance Agreement for the Website, with Planet X Communications. Sharon Luginsland will continue to upload all information to the website.

The committee is in the process of re-designing the website. Upon completion, a url link to the proposed site will be sent to the officers for their review and comment. We are working on including the ability for users to register and pay for meetings online.

In order to support the cost of online registration, we will be offering members ad-space for a fee.

Finally, we need more members. Please contact Sharon Luginsland, if you'd like to be a part of this subcommittee.

CONFERENCE PLANNING – Ed Garcia

Fall meeting: Cocoa Beach Hilton, Cocoa Beach, November 5th – 7th 2003

Winter meeting: Ocala Hilton, Ocala, February, 2004

Spring meeting: Westin Beach Resort, Key Largo, May 5th – May 7th 2004

Summer meeting: Marco Island Hilton, Marco Island, August 4th – 6th 2004

NATIONAL CONFERENCES:

Joint Use Conference, September 15th – 16th 2003

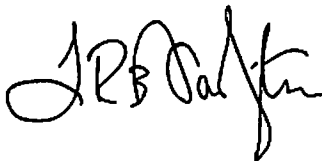
Highway User Conference, September 17th – 19th 2003

Damage Prevention conference, December 3rd – 5th 2003

SUMMER MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be held November 5th through November 7th at the Cocoa Beach Oceanfront Hilton, 1550 North Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach, FL. For reservations call (321) 799-0003, register by October 13th, 2003. Room rate will be \$89 plus tax. Pre-registration of \$50.00 is due no later than October 24th, 2003. On site registration will be \$60.00. Make pre-registration checks payable to FUCC and submit to Jan Ash, FUCC Treasurer, 5313 Johns Road, Suite 201, Tampa, Florida 33634. On site registration for the workshop only will be \$20.

Respectfully submitted,



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