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# Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee

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# **FALL MEETING MINUTES**

Ocala Florida, February 1, thru February 3, 2006

Chairman	Vice Chairman	Secretary	Historian Tom Dugger	
John Murphy	Vincent Montgomery	Ron Popp		
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Chairman John Murphy called the meeting to order at 8:05 A.M. He gave his opening remarks that were followed by Sandy Hagen's Invocation and Tribute to the flag. Self-introductions of those in attendance found 43 at this Business Meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Ron Popp reported that the minutes from the Cocoa Beach meeting are currently posted on the web site. Copies will be mailed to the membership next week. Several copies of the minutes were available for those who did not have access to the web.

A motion was made by Vinnie LaVallette and second by Vince Nocerato waive the reading of the Secretary's Minutes. They were approved as written and will be posted on the web site. The group was reminded of the E-mail Group for the FUCC. To become a member of the group you should send an E-Mail to <a href="FUCC@callsunshine.com">FUCC@callsunshine.com</a>. In the subject line, type the word: <a href="subscribe">subscribe</a>, you will automatically be added to the group and will be receiving all future electronic mail outs. The FUCC web site is up and running at the old address: <a href="http://www.fucc.org">http://www.fucc.org</a>.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

# TREASURER'S REPORT -Vinnie LaVallette, Treasurer

# Beginning Balance as of 12/31/05

					\$ 13,355.07
Income					
Pre-Registration (@ \$50)		70	\$	3,500.00 660.00	
On-Site Registration & Sponsors &				90.00	
Workshop Only		11	\$	750.00	
OUC			\$	500	\$ 5,000
Southern Survey			\$	250	
Expenses					
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	\$50 on line				
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ACTEVA Fees	\$30 pre-reg.		\$	330.96	
Hotel Fee			\$	2,200.81	
Door Prizes			\$	10140	
Corn Boil	_		\$	125.00	
Gratuity			\$	60.00	
			\$		
Meeting Planner Fee			\$	1,800.00	
			\$		
					\$ 4,618.17
Un-audited Balance			13,736.90		

It is very important to the FUCC that everyone resister via ACTEVA. Search word is "FUCC." When you reach the site, there will be fours selections. If you have prepaid, please use the appropriate selection, there is No Charge, only the registration. With this electronic registrations, the Committee can plan for the meals and breaks at each meeting.

ACTEVA will allow FUCC to conduct a survey by posting three questions regarding the Registrations Fees. The last increase in Registration Fees was in 1999. Please respond to our survey, which will assist in the continued development of the FUCC to better serve the members. All questions must be answered during the registration for the November Meeting.

- 1. IF we need to raise the Registration, what is an acceptable meeting fee?
- 2. What are the least important food and beverage benefit?
- 3. What can we do to improve our meeting?

#### **HISTORIAN'S REPORT - Tom Dugger**

FIFTY YEARS AGO - February, 1956

CHAIRMAN – C. R. Mayhew, Southern Telephone Company, Tallahassee, FI SECRETARY – Sam Gray, Florida Power Corporation,

#### NO MINUTES OF THIS MEETING

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO: February 6, 1981, Tallahassee Capitol Inn, Tallahassee, FL.

ATTENDANCE: TELEPHONE 19, POWER 16, FDOT 13, GAS 3, COUNTIES 3, ONE CALL CENTER 3, CONSUALT 2, CITIES 3, RAILROADS 1, FLA PSC 2, CATV 1. A TOTAL OF 66.

CHAIRMAN – C. E. HANLE, SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CO VICE CHAIRMAN – R. P. HALL, PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM SECRETARY – TED CARLSON, FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT CO.

Members who attended that meeting that are still active in the FUCC are Dennis LaBelle, Thomas Duggar, Charles Andrews, Don Schofield, Walt Childs and Rocky DePrimo.

Old Business: The Bicycle Path Sub committee reported they had numerous meetings with the D.O.T. regarding the guidelines to be incorporated in the design stage of the bile paths.

Program; The FDOT, gave a brief run-down on Production Management in the FDOT. This section allocates federal funds to the Districts, helps set up schedules and aids in the planning in the relocating of utilities. It was stated that the ramifications on how to handle federal funds are sometimes beyond comprehension, noting that the various locations throughout the State sometimes make allocations very difficult. The speaker was quite serious when he reported that radical financial changes are coming in this next fiscal year.

The Liaison Coordinator for the FDOT to the State Legislature, reported that growth due to a smaller gas tax had suffered. People are using less gasoline and without additional revenues to offset this all phases of the DOT work has slowed down. Maintenance has first priority, with immediate resurfacing needed along with the reconstruction of many roads and bridges. It was noted that with 5,100 bridges in the system, 30 per year will need major maintenance due to deterioration.

Mr. Earnest Salley, State Utility Engineer, requested all District Liaison Chairmen to get in touch with their respective County Engineers and ask them, or their representative, to attend the Liaison meetings. With one-third of all roads in the State now under County jurisdiction, it is more important than ever to enlist the cooperation of these County engineers in our liaison work.

# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT REPORTS

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**District One** – Sandra Hagan

District 1 Utility Liaison Conference will be held on Tuesday, May 16th 2006

Registration: 7:45 am

Meeting Time: 8:30 am-1:30 pm Place: Cay Clubs Resorts & Marinas

> 7150 N. Tamiami Trail Sarasota, FL. 34243 941-522-2314

Registration Fee: \$20.00 per person

District Two - Vince Camp - No Report

District Three - - Bobby Ellis

District 3 Utility Liaison Conference was March 9th

District Four - Rocky DePrimo, District Utility Administrator

District Five - Gary Bass, District Utility/Value Engineering Administrator-

District 5 Utility Liaison Conference will be held on March 22 at the Cocoa Beach Hilton I-95 Projects through Brevard and Volusia Counties have been changed to design Build.

**District Six – Tony Soto** 

**District Seven – Sally Prescott** 

District 7 Utilities Liaison Conference will be held Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 2006, at Cove Cay Country Club located at 2612 Cove Cay Drive, Clearwater, FL 33760

A survey has been sent out to the District Utilities for feedback as FDOT tries to establish a GIS database.

TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE DISTRICT - James G. Kervin, Turnpike Utility Engineer

Below is an update of some of the major projects under development at the Turnpike Enterprise.

Canal Protection Systems: These projects will install a combination of guardrail and cable systems in areas where canals are in close proximity to the travel lanes within Palm Beach, St Lucie and Dade Counties. Final design is underway and letting is scheduled for April 2006.

## **Dade County**

FPID 406096-1: This project will widen the HEFT to 8 lanes between SW 117<sup>th</sup> Ave and Kendall Drive plus 2 auxiliary lanes around the SR 874 Interchange. Preliminary design is underway and is scheduled for letting in February 2008.

FPID 415462-2: This project will relocate the existing Golden Glades Mainline Toll Plaza to the north at the Miami Gardens Drive overpass and will provide express lanes for SunPass users. Extensive utility relocations will be required including the FGT gas lines. Preliminary design is underway with a letting scheduled for January 2008.

FPID 415905-1: This project will convert the existing Okeechobee Mainline Toll Plaza to both cash lanes and SunPass express lanes. Utility services to the Mainline Toll Plaza will require relocation and upgrading. An interchange at NW 74<sup>th</sup> Street will be added in cooperation with Miami-Dade County and District 6. Phase III plans are complete and the letting is scheduled for May 2006.

# **Broward County**

FPID 406094-1 and 406097-1: These projects will widen the Turnpike from 6 to 8 and 10 lanes in Broward County. These two projects will be for southbound widening only. Both projects will take three years to construct. These projects were let in June with construction scheduled to begin the first of the year. Design of the northbound widening is scheduled to begin next year.

FPID 406095-1 and 406095-4: These two projects will widen the Turnpike mainline from 6 to 8 lanes from the HEFT to Griffin Road (approximately 7 miles in length). Extensive utility relocations will be required including the FGT gas lines. Phase III plans are due in December.

FPID 406147-1: This project is a Design-Build to widen the Sawgrass Expressway between Atlantic Ave and Coral Ridge Dr from 4 lanes to 6 lanes. The project has been let and construction is scheduled to be completed by March 2008.

FPID 406150-1: This project will widen the Turnpike mainline from 6 to 8 lanes. The project starts just south of Atlantic Boulevard and goes to the Palm Beach County line a distance of roughly 7 miles. Final design is underway. Major utility impacts are expected including FGT gas line relocation. Letting is scheduled for March of 2007.

FPID 406153-1: This project is a Design-Build to widen the Sawgrass Expressway from 4 to 6 lanes between Coral Ridge Drive to the Turnpike Mainline. Construction is underway.

# **Palm Beach County**

FPID 232074-1: This project is a new interchange with SR 710 and the Turnpike Mainline in Palm Beach County. Construction is underway and scheduled for completion in February 2006.

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. Construction is underway. The project also includes modifications to the Atlantic Avenue Interchange.

FPID 406112-1: This project will add a new interchange at Jog Road and the Turnpike Mainline in Palm Beach County. The project has been let and construction will start in early 2006.

#### **Orange County**

FPIDS 403497-2, 403497-3, 403498-2 and 403498-3: These projects will extend the Western Beltway (SR 429) from Seidel Road in Orange County to I-4 in Osceola County, a distance of approximately 11 miles. SR429 is a joint project with OOCEA. Construction is underway on all projects. Completion of all sections is slated for December 2006. Once completed, you will be able to travel on SR429 from I-4 in Osceola County to US441 in Apopka.

FPID 406090-1: This project is to widen the Beeline Expressway, SR 528, in Orange County from 4 to 6 lanes, a distance of approximately 8 miles, from I-4 to Boggy Creek Road. Phase IV plans are complete and utility coordination is ongoing. Letting is scheduled for June 2006.

FPID 406091-1: This project is to widen the Turnpike Mainline in Orange County from 4 to 8 lanes, a distance of approximately 6 miles, from SR528 to I-4. The project is under construction.

FPID 406102-1: This project will add new ramps at the existing interchange between the Turnpike and SR408 in Orange County. Construction is underway with completion slated for 2006.

FPID 406146-1: This project will widen the Turnpike mainline from 4 to 8 lanes from SR 429 to SR 50 in Orange County. This project is roughly 5 miles in length. Preliminary design is underway with the letting scheduled for March 2008.

FPID 406148-1: This project will widen the Turnpike mainline from 4 to 8 lanes from I-4 to SR 429 in Orange County. The project is roughly 8 miles in length. Phase III design is underway. Letting is scheduled for March 2007.

# Osceola County

FPID 411237-1: This project will add a new interchange on the Turnpike at Kissimmee Park Road in Osceola County. The interchange will give residents in south St. Cloud better access to the Turnpike. The project has been let and construction will start in early 2006.

# **Citrus County**

FPID 405270-1 The Turnpike is working on a PD&E Study for a new road corridor in Citrus County. The road will be an extension of the existing Suncoast Parkway. The Suncoast Parkway Phase II project will extend the Parkway from US98 in Brooksville to US19 (Approximately 27 miles). Ten possible corridors are being evaluated for impacts. The PD&E is being developed under Federal Highway Administration guidelines.

James G. Kervin, Turnpike Utility Engineer Lawrence R. Hayduk, Turnpike Utility Manager Rodney Little, Turnpike Utility Coordinator Lee Davis, Turnpike Program Assistant

CENTRAL OFFICE (C/O) Kenneth Weldon

SUNSHINE STATE ONE CALL CENTER Cheryl Ritter

# INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

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JOINT USE - Raul Rivera- Chair

Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee Joint Use Subcommittee Meeting Thursday, February 2, 2006 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM

The Joint Use Subcommittee had 16 attendees representing telecommunications, power, FDOT, and several consulting firms.

Topics of Discussion: We discussed several topics including the importance of getting information to companies that are not attending the FUCC, and that do not use NJUNS. To address this concern, as well as to ensure current attendees have sufficient time to obtain the required approvals to attend future meetings, this subcommittee will strive to get relevant information to members and potential members in a timely manner. We shall accomplish this by sending out minutes sooner, and ensuring information on speakers and presentations are posted on the FUCC webpage as early as possible.

Main topics of discussion included the following:

- National Joint Use Notification System (NJUNS). The group will seek the participation of a speaker from NJUNS in the near future to review pole transfer process.
- Florida Public Service Commission Audit. Possible legislation for mandatory pole safety inspections and undergrounding of facilities.
- New Technologies: Verizon's fiber build program (FTTP), WI-FI antennas, municipal telephone facilities, and permitting issues.
- Joint Trench/Conduit Occupancy Agreements. Successes and failures. Earlier identification of joint trenching opportunities.
- · Removing unnecessary poles from the right-of-way.

#### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2006 at the FUCC Spring Meeting at the Sheraton Hotel in Key Largo, Florida. We will be having special joint use presentations that afternoon by NJUNS on pole transfers, and also on aerial design considerations, and pole load calculations.

# POWER INTEREST GROUP: Greg Coker- Chair

- 1) 23 were in attendance (6=FDOT, 13=Electric Utilities, 4=Consultants)
- 2) Discussion Items:
- A) Future DOT Sound Barrier Wall (SBW) Installations: FDOT's Mr. Ken Weldon is beginning to prepare training materials to be used in educating FDOT consultants as to potential design concerns / impacts to utility facilities resulting from SBW construction proposals. All expressed support of Ken's efforts, asking for emphasis on early notification to utilities as well as flexibility in SBW designs (goal being to minimizing impact to utilities). General feeling was expressed that SBW's could have significant negative impact on utilities in absence of appropriate coordination efforts.
- B) Utility Electronic R/G/B Mark-Ups: No one in attendance is currently providing electronic R/G/B plan set mark-ups to FDOT. Reasons vary as to why (lack of CAD software on part of utilities, insufficient training, etc). All agreed that we should support FDOT's effort to move in the direction of this technology, particularly if it is in the best interest of all parties involved (i.e FDOT, their consultants & utilities). It was noted that Bell South has been providing electronic R/G/B mark-ups to FDOT but has been recently struggling with "Firewall" security related problems.
- C) Inexperienced FDOT Consultants: The group was polled regarding this topic (i.e as to utility coordination knowledge displayed by the various FDOT consultants) & asked how commonplace was the problem. In general, it isn't a concern. Isolated cases of inexperience exist on both the consultant's side as well as the utility's side.
- D) Power Interest Group Presentation for July'06 FUCC Mtg: Greg Coker shared that FPL will be making this presentation on the subject of FPL's Hurricane Restoration Process. All were in support of this effort, with no other topics being shared as presentation candidates.

These are the Power Interest Group Meeting Minutes as I recorded them. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact my office at (941)-723-4430 or zip me a return e-mail.

Many thanks!
Greg Coker
Power Interest Group Chairperson 2005-2006

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS: Robert Lowen- Chair** Jim Lormann - Co-Chair

Review of Tampa Bay Airport Project, one engineering firm in restricted corridor.

Education Seminar / Limited R/W for Utilities Corridor, discuss pros and cons of participation

Self Introductions- of those attending the group meeting.

Announcements- Steering Committee for UAM asked for suggestions and input.

Plans being sent out for mark-ups by Turnpike Authority- Jim Kervin stated that info is needed to protect facilities.

Sound Walls- relocation of facilities, who pays for relocation of facilities, can easement be obtained from property owners instead of placing in R/W.

Louis Panzer gave info on Sunshine One Call - Propose changes in the upcoming Legislature for roles and responsibilities use of the SSOCOF phone number. Attendees:

Jim Farrell BellSouth Mike Posten BellSouth Bellsouth Allan Rudolf **Gary Bass FDOT** Shawn E. Berner **BellSouth** Trisha Miller FDOT D5 Staci Nester FDOT D5 Sally Prescott FDOT D7 Jim Kervin Turnpike Marty McKinny **Sprint** Craig Hager **Sprint** Ron Popp Sprint

Lindsey Samples Utility Consultants, Inc. Marilyn Pineau Utility Consultants, Inc. John Pugh **BrightHouse Networks** 

Jim Lormann Sprint Jon Diorio UCI Bill McClod **Sprint** Brian Whaley **Sprint** 

Gary Monday Ash Engineering

Mike Hall Verizon Joe Thomas Sprint

**UNDERGROUND** Chair: Vinnie LaVallette - TBE Group

Co-Chair: Lawree Washington - TECO/Peoples Gas

Attendees:

Vinnie LaVallette TBE Group **Lawree Washington** TECO/Peoples Gas **Brett Drouin** FDOT - District 4 Gordon Wheeler FDOT - CO Sandra M. Hagan FDOT - District 1 Juan J. Lopez

Hillsborough County ROW Roy Brantley FDOT - District 5

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# FUCC Meeting Notes - SPRING, 2006

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Jim Lormann of Sprint addressed the group explaining that he was the newly elected chair of the UAM sub committee. He was looking for a volunteer to be his co-chair.

TECO/Peoples Gas shared with the group a situation that they had encountered. They had a document requesting utility GIS information. There was no company name on it, FDOT form number or a statement of where the information was to be returned. No other utility owners in the room had received this document. Concern was – who was asking for this information and how would it be used? Most utilities felt that this is proprietary information and would not share. Sally Prescott from District 7 came to explain that this document was from her District and was a survey for the utility companies as to what information they had and would they be willing to share.

The Gainesville Regional Utility representative stated that they are having trouble with their design locates. When asking for as-builts or locates BellSouth will not provide either item even when the utility is willing to pay for thi information. Locators have been told not to locate for surveying or for design work. Other attendees discussed tha additional telecommunication owners have not been able to assist them in the design phase even when this wi benefit the telecom firm in the future. The group asked that if at the next meeting we have a joint session with the Telecommunications Interest group so that we can discuss this item in detail.

Some developers are putting in joint trenches with all of the utilities. The problem with this is that later down the road the utilities are unable to locate their facilities. In addition the utility trenches may end up being in the landscape corridor and are damaged when the plantings are installed. John Murphy stated that the FUCC Landscaping Committee has guidelines to prevent this kind of damage to underground utilities.

Speaking of joint trenches... The Villages was brought up. This community encompasses 3 counties (Lake, Sumter and Marion). They are utilizing the above mentioned common trench, but the contractor is installing the facilities so fast that no one knows where the facilities are. There are currently 3,000 contractors working on this development and their motto is "no one can keep up with us".

With common trench, who is responsible for locates? Good PVC tracer wires are needed. There needs to be minimum separation between facilities gas/power/telecom/water/sewer. City of Palm Bay stated that the DEP mandates the separation of water/sewer/reuse and storm water but there is no other guideline or standard for the other utilities. The CGA (Common Ground Alliance) does have a best practice for supply line separation of 12", but this is rarely followed or even known to the contractors doing the work.

Best practices on sewer laterals to be marked? Industry standard is not to put in tracers. Pinellas County measure'each lateral when it enters the ROW and measures from each manhole so that they can easily find it in the future This helps when a project (like Verizon's) comes along they can work closely with them to make sure their facilitie are not damaged. Others saw-cut marks on the curb.

SSOCOF has been working with The Villages on educating their contractors. They have used enforcement officer and have shut down crews when they have not been in compliance. Damages in the community have not been documented so far.

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#### **SSOCOF** updates:

- 1. 21 Counties now have enforcement programs
  - 29 Officers have been trained
  - 17 Citations have been issued (each at \$250.)
  - 111 Non-compliance reports
  - 575 Courtesy stops made
- 2. BellSouth has 2 full-time officers in Palm Beach County. The County has issued several hundred citation and has the highest volume of calls.
- 3. Collier County has a liaison with Sprint who calls the local law enforcement office.

There is a State Senator in West Palm Beach that has pushed through legislation to enact a task force to look a the undergrounding of all utilities. It is essentially a "fact finding" process looking at the expense and ethics o requiring utilities to place their facilities underground.

The Underground Interest Group voted to have the DIRT and Ticket Management System as the topics for the Jul Education Forum. Vinnie will submit the required form.

Submitted by Vinnie LaVallette

#### NOTES from the FDOT FORM

# UTILITY ACCOMMODATIONS MANUAL (UAM) Jim Lormann - Chair

Newly elected Chair for the UAM, Jim Lormann, is looking for a Co-Chair for this important committee.

SCENIC RESOURCES - Landscape guidelines or on the Webb site.

No Report G.A.I.

# **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

## STEERING COMMITTEE Vincent Montgomery- Chair

Bring the letter in the Membership packet up to date.

Work on the brochure for new members and for the FUCC

#### **E-BUSINESS / WEB PAGE**

# MEMBERSHIP Sally Prescott -Chair

- 5 Members attended on Wednesday Morning. Three Goals have been set:
- 1). Brochure- Bi-fold brochure will be available to advertise benefits of FUCC.
- Flyer with logo- announcing upcoming FUCC meetings and workshops.
- 3). Verbalize the importance of members checking their email listings, to keep the list up to date.

# FUCC Meeting Notes - SPRING, 2006

#### **CONFERENCE PLANNING** Dennis Labelle - Chair

The FUCC will be 75 years young next year. Register early for the next FUCC meeting be held in Key Largo and Marco Island. The Marco Island meeting will be in July due to schools starting. Register early. The Marco Island meeting is the dressed-up meeting, come as your favorite movie star. Pre-pay for your FUCC meetings by going on the WEBB site.

#### **AWARD COMMITTEE**

No Report at this time. Just as a reminder, all past recipients of FUCC Awards are the members of the Award Committee

**INDUSTRY UPDATES -**

<u>BUSINESS MEETING – PROGRAM PRESENTATION</u> John Murphy gave a presentation on poles in the Right-of-way. There were numerous poles that the membership did not think about until it was brought to their attention.

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The presentation was very informative and on the lite side. John knows how to keep everyone's attention.

#### **SUMMER MEETING NOTICE**

The Summer meeting will be held at the Key Largo Sheraton

We encourage everyone to register on-line

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11:00 am, to reconvene on May 5

Respectfully submitted by:

Ron Popp, SPRINT-Florida

Secretary, Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee