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SPRING MEETING MINUTES

Key Largo, Florida, May 2nd thru May 5th, 2006

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Tom Duggar
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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 Vince Montgomery's Invocation and Tribute to the flag. Self-introductions of those in attendance found 55+ 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 Gary Monday and second by Jim Lormann to 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 FUCC@callsunshine.com. In the subject line, type the word: subscribe, 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: <http://www.fucc.org>.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

TREASURER'S REPORT –Vinnie LaVallette, Treasurer

Beginning Balance as of 12/31/05

\$ 13,355.07

Income

Pre-Registration (@ \$50)	89	\$	4450.00	
Workshop	13	\$	390	
Booth Rental		\$	400	
Sponsorship		\$	2500	\$ 7,740

Expenses

Incorporation Registration (State of Florida)		\$		
70 (\$4.59ea				
\$50 on line				
reg.				
3 (\$3.22 ea				
\$30 pre-reg.		\$	484	
ACTEVA Fees		\$	5,005	
Hotel Fee		\$	150	
Door Prizes		\$	508	
Hospitality		\$	40.00	
Gratuity		\$		
Meeting Planner Fee		\$	1,800.00	
		\$		
	\$-297			\$ 8,037

Un-audited Balance

8,537.97

It is very important to the FUCC that everyone register via ACTEVA. Search word is "FUCC." When you reach the site, there will be four 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 Duggar

FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATION COMMITTEE HISTORIAN'S REPORT FOR MAY 5TH, 2006

FIFTY YEARS AGO – MAY 1956

Chairman: C.R. Mayhew, Southern Telephone Company, Tallahassee, Fl.

Secretary: Sam Gray, Florida Power Corporation.

NO MINUTES OF THIS MEETING

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO: RAMADA INN, FT. MYERS, FL.

ATTENDANCE: TELEPHONE 14, POWER 29, FDOT 5, GAS 2, COUNTIES 5, ONE CALL CENTER 3, CONSUALT 1, CITIES1, FLORIDA PSC 2. A TOTAL OF 64.

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 are still active in the FUCC are Dennis Labelle, Rocky DePrimo and Eduardo Garcia.

Old Business: On "Proposed Legislation to require Utilities to register Each Underground Installation". Ray Afeld with CALL CANDY reported he met with the attorney for the Department of Transportation and reported opposition to this build by members of Call Candy Notification Center. Call Candy revised the pending bill; however, it is expected the bill will die as is.

It was reported from the February meeting regarding a letter to be sent to each County Engineer asking if they used the Utility Accommodation Guide and if they attend any of the Local Liaison Committee Meetings. All necessary action was taken, but to date the response has been anything but encouraging.

Program; Dennis LaBelle, Florida Power and Light, gave a fine talk with a slide presentation on "Forced Relocation of Existing Utility Lines". Dennis also gave a brief dissertation on the Workshop which was held in Daytona Beach. Participants in this workshop were the Florida Power and Light Relocation Coordinators and personnel from each Florida Department of Transportation Districts. The effort expended has resulted in a manual dedicated to the standardization of relocating utility facilities in the State of Florida.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT REPORTS

District One – Debra Barnhill

District 1 Utility Liaison Conference will be held on Tuesday, May 16th 2006 in Sarasota, Sarasota County, at the Cay Club Resort and Marina, located at 7150 N. Tamiami Trail. 100+/- people plan to attend.

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. Forms must be submitted by May 5th, today, to Vinnie LaVallette, TBE, 407-629-7144.

Agenda – Speakers

District One Five Year Work Program- Walt Childs

District One Director of Transportation Development- Mike Rippe

Turnpike Group- Larry Hayduk

Sprint- Jim Lormann / Henry Bowlin

Sunshine State One Call of Florida – Sergio Clavijo

Florida Power & Light – Greg Coker

District Two – Vince Camp – No Report

District Three – – Bobby Ellis- No Report

District Four -

Meeting Minutes Key Largo FUCC Wednesday May 3rd 2006 – Chair Rocco Deprimo Consultant/UAO Underground Session

Self Introductions

- I. **Noise Walls.** Question from group: Are Noise Walls(NW) part of the FDOT design criteria requirement. Yes. The FDOT has specific criteria based on current and future traffic volume, noise levels and other specifications when determining if Noise Wall is required on roadway projects. The FDOT must also follow guidelines set forth by the FHWA. Reimbursement to UAO's for such work is usually limited to Interstate Projects that are federally funded; however there are other instances where UAO's may be reimbursed.
- II. **Permitting.** Ed Nicolle from FCAA posed a question on whether the Districts would allow the UWS to be a UAO's permit. Chapter 3 of the UAM cites that an executed UWS and a utility agreement may substitute for a permit. However none of the Districts have adopted this practice; therefore at this time permits are still required for all utility relocation work and other work subject to the requirements set forth in the UAM. A representative from Verizon asked if the UAO's can submit permits for preliminary review to see if any changes or corrections need to be done on the permit application to further expedite the process. The DOT representatives agreed on that idea and said it would definitely improve the process to have the permit offices review documents before a formal submittal.
- III. **Casing.** Lawree Washington from Teco People's Gas mentioned that District 7 is requiring Teco to use casing on all crossings. Conversation was generated and it was concluded that the maintenance office can only require what is stipulated in the UAM. Please refer to UAM Chapter 5, page 5-12 for said criteria.
- IV. **Electronic submittals of mark-ups and labeling each individual UAO on the plans.** Central Office is working on electronic submittal symbology to be used for identifying each UAO instead of the typical BT or BFO labeling. District 7 uses a process called TDUM which stands for Type Disposition, Utility, Method and Material. Gary Bass said that in order for identification of the UAO's to be on the plans it must be incorporated in DOT manuals and software. He mentioned that said requirement must be in the PPM / CADD Manual and in the DOT software used for plans preparation.

With no other issues the meeting was adjourned.

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 31st 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.

MEDIAN GUARDRAIL: The Turnpike Enterprise has completed the new median guardrail installation in Lake, Osceola, Orange, Indian River, St. Lucie, Okeechobee, Sumter and Dade counties. Guardrail was installed from Ft. Pierce to Wildwood on the Turnpike and on the HEFT in Dade 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 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.

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. These are major projects with significant utility activity. Construction is complete on the Siedel to Highway 192 section. Construction is ongoing on the section from Highway 192 to I-4. 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 in Orange County.

FPID 232074-1: This project is a new interchange with SR 710 and the Turnpike in Palm Beach County. The new interchange will relieve congestion at existing interchanges in north Palm Beach County. Construction is underway with completion scheduled for July 2006. Minor utility relocations are associated with this project. We are coordinating with District 4 on a railroad crossing upgrade as part of the project.

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

FPID 406146-1: This project will widen the Turnpike mainline from 4 to 8 lanes from Beulah Road to SR50

in Orange County. The project is roughly 4 miles in length. Thirty percent plans are due June 2006. Utility Coordination is underway.

FPID 406148-1: This project will widen the Turnpike mainline from 4 to 8 lanes from I-4 to Beulah Road in Orange County. The project is roughly 8 miles in length. Ninety percent plans will be submitted in May. Utility coordination is underway. Letting is scheduled for March 2007.

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 has started and is scheduled for completion in 2008. A separate project to make improvements at the Atlantic Avenue interchange is also under construction.

FPID 406094-1 and 406097-1: These projects will widen the Turnpike from 6 to 8 and 10 lanes in Broward County between Griffin Road and Atlantic Blvd. Construction projects. The projects will be constructed in a sequence to allow FGT to relocate their lines. on both projects is underway. There will be extensive utility involvement on both Both projects will take three years to construct. Approximately twelve miles of the Turnpike will be upgraded.

FPID 406095-1 and 406095-4: These two projects will widen the Turnpike mainline from six to eight lanes from the HEFT to Griffin Road in Broward County, a distance of approximately 6 miles. Ninety percent plans are complete and utility coordination is underway. Plans production is scheduled for completion in early 2007. Extensive utility relocations will be required, including the FGT gas line relocation.

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. Plans are complete with letting scheduled for July 2006 for Phase II. The project has been split into two sub-projects.

FPID 406091-1: This project is to widen the Turnpike Mainline in Orange County from 4 to 8 lanes from I-4 to SR528, a distance of approximately 6 miles. The project is under construction. Construction will take approximately 2 years.

FPID 406112-1: This project will add a new interchange at Jog Road and the Turnpike in Palm Beach County. The project will relieve crowding at the existing West Palm Beach Interchange at Okeechobee Boulevard. Construction is underway with completion scheduled for 2007.

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 late 2006.

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 the St. Cloud area better access to the Turnpike. Construction is underway with completion scheduled for 2007.

FPIDs 418976-1, 418977-1 and 418978-1: The Canal Protection System has been designed for canals within Turnpike LAROW in Dade, Palm Beach and St. Lucie County's. Design is complete and construction is scheduled to start in June.

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

Sunshine State One-Call of Florida, Inc. Report to the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee

May 5, 2006

Executive Director Mark Sweet presented the following summary of significant accomplishments at SSOCOF:

- For the ten month period of June 2005 through March 2006:
- Incoming excavation ticket volume is up 9% over last year with 1.6 million locate tickets received.
- Outbound excavation ticket volume is up 11% with 11.7 million locate tickets transmitted to utility member operators.
- The call center's average answer speed is 25 seconds
- 53% of all incoming excavation notices to SSOCOF were received over the internet and 47% over the telephone.
- SSOCOF membership stands at 736 primary members and 207 associate members.

- The center's damage prevention efforts have resulted in 383 safety and educational presentations attended by 6,465; 10 Damage Prevention Symposiums attended by 418; four CILB courses attended by 50; and 9,942 people reached during trade shows and conferences throughout Florida.

- The SSOCOF annual golf tournament will be on May 19, 2006 at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Longwood. Tournament features a hole-in-one contest with a new 2006 Harley Davidson motorcycle as the prize.

- SSOCOF's *No Bull Rodeo Challenge* is again being conducted this year. Winners will receive \$300 prize money and travel expenses to compete in the International Locate Rodeo in Atlanta, GA. Eight winners will be selected to represent SSOCOF (two from each of the following four categories: water, electric, telecommunications and gas).

- As part of SSOCOF's Children's Program, 10,000 poster-size growth charts featuring SSOCOF's Call Before You Dig message and the Orlando Magic's Dwight Howard were distributed free at the Orlando Magic Kid's Night on April 12, 2006. An additional 2,000 will be distributed through the Magic's youth camp program.

- SSOCOF developed an online monthly newsletter, *unearthed*, to inform all damage prevention stakeholders of important technical and procedural information, special events and legislative changes. The newsletter was first published in March. To receive *unearthed*, send an email to ssocof@callsunshine.com with SUBSCRIBE in the subject line. You will receive a follow-up email to which you must reply to complete the enrollment process.
- As of March 31, 2006, SSOCOF's professional bass angler has participated in 16 tournaments and talked with 740 people attending these events about SSOCOF. Byron Childers also hands out educational material on Call Before You Dig.
- SSOCOF recently signed contracts to participate in hurricane guides and online education through the following Florida television stations: Orlando – WESH NBC 2; Miami – NBC 6; Tampa – WFLA NBC 8; Pensacola – WPML NBC 15. In conjunction with this hurricane program, SSOCOF had 43,000 bill stuffers distributed through Comcast in Westin and Coral Springs and is preparing a mailing to more than 5,400 fence and landscape contractors.
- The online program *Caution: Utilities Below* is near completion. It is expected that it will be available by the end of SSOCOF's fiscal year, May 31, 2006. The program educates excavators on the one call law, Chapter 556, and the other success factors in the safe digging process by incorporating illustrations, flash graphics and video clips for easy learning.
- SSOCOF encourages all damage prevention stakeholders in Florida to use the national Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT) to report information on damaged underground facilities. It's free and those who submit information remain anonymous. SSOCOF will use information to target and evaluate damage prevention education efforts.
- June 2, 2006 is the last day for members to review the proposed changes to their service areas and accept or reject the system-recommended service area changes proposed as a result of the new map data import. All member operator service areas that are not modified by the June 2nd implementation date will be accepted to include any proposed additions to the service area. SSOCOF urges its members to update now and avoid the last minute rush. Contact SSOCOF Member Services at memberservices@callsunshine.com.
- SSOCOF is working with Florida telecommunications providers (wire line, wireless and pay phone) and the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission toward implementation of the new national Call Before You Dig three digit dial code 811 to be operational by the federally mandated deadline of April 13, 2007. Significant cost of service and potential tariff issues remain to be resolved with many of the telecommunications providers.
- Proposed amendments to Chapter 556, the *Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act*, Florida Statutes, have passed both the House of Representatives and the Senate and are expected to become law in October 2006. Key changes to Chapter 556 will include:
 - Affirmative language added that that SSOCOF is not required or permitted to mark underground facilities;
 - Requirement to start excavation work within 5 days of notification eliminated;
 - Locate ticket life increased from 20 to 30 days;

- Utility contractors and licensed pest control operators exempt from notification for certain hand digging;
- Enforcement authority granted to local government code inspector or code enforcement officers;
- Excavators required to produce a valid locate ticket number upon request of code or law enforcement officers;
- SSOCOF required to conduct a feasibility study of no-notification zones with results due to the legislature by February 1, 2007.

- SSOCOF members are encouraged to use (800) CAREFUL to report excavation area hot spots (areas where damages are occurring). The Member Services Department will share that information with off-duty state wildlife officers conducting field enforcement patrols to verify compliance with Chapter 556.

- Mark Sweet thanked the members of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee for the opportunity to present this report and extended an invitation to participate in SSOCOF's Annual Membership and Board of Directors meetings on May 18, 2006 at SSOCOF's call center in DeBary, FL and SSOCOF's Annual Golf Tournament on May 19, 2006 at the Rolling Hills Golf & Country Club in Longwood, FL.

INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

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) 24 were in attendance (4=FDOT, 13=Electric Utilities, 7=Consultants)

2) Discussion Items:

A) Any increase in OH-to-UG conversion or System Storm Hardening initiatives? : FPL is currently in discussions (& has been over the past several weeks) with PSC Staff over both of these issues. The outcomes of the negotiations could have enormous impacts on the way we do our business now & in the future. A key point likely centers around who will bear the costs, the ratepayer or the investor. Other utilities statewide are watching this FPL / PSC discussion closely.

B) Any increase in initiatives to out-source utility engineering design or utility coordination efforts?: While a few members shared that their companies have & will continue to use these types of consultant services, no significant increases are taking place at this time.

C) Any increase in private development & governmental agencies partnering to construct roadway improvement projects? Though this practice has long been around, no widespread increase has been noticed. It was shared that utilities should make sure they are properly handling reimbursable relocation issues in the somewhat cloudy waters of partnered projects.

D) How common is the practice of utility relocation completion prior to the start of roadway construction?: Many in the group shared that this practice is quite common. Though a few pitfalls exist, the benefits more than outweigh them in most cases. The group was in favor of supporting this effort whenever possible.

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

23 in Attendance
Discussion involved around several topics:

- 1) Jim Lormann Co-Chair will be assuming the UAM Committee Chairmanship. Jim will be replaced by Henry Bowlin of Sprint as Co-Chair of the Telecom Group.
- 2) Discussed our Summer Education Seminar with an update on the topic of utility corridors in the RW by Gary Monday of Ash Engineering.

- 3) Next we discussed the undergrounding efforts of the Ocean Communities in the State. More will follow when the legislature of Florida enacts guidance.
- 4) Rocky DePrimo gave us a update on the ever increasing cost and expense of materials and the State of Florida's approach to looking more closely at work content.

UNDERGROUND

Chair: Vinnie LaVallette – TBE Group
Co-Chair: Lawree Washington – TECO/Peoples Gas

Attendees:

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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 this information. Locators have been told not to locate for surveying or for design work. Other attendees discussed that additional telecommunication owners have not been able to assist them in the design phase even when this will 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 measures 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 facilities 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 officers and have shut down crews when they have not been in compliance. Damages in the community have not been documented so far.

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 citations 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 at the undergrounding of all utilities. It is essentially a "fact finding" process looking at the expense and ethics of 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 July 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.
- 2). 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.

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 –

BUSINESS MEETING – PROGRAM PRESENTATION 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.

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 Hilton on Marco Island, July 12 thru 14, 2006

We encourage everyone to register on-line

ELECTION OF SECRETARY AND ROTATION OF OFFICERS

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11:00 am, to reconvene on July 12th 2006

Respectfully submitted by:

Ron Popp, Embarq-Florida
Secretary, Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee