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## FALL MEETING

Mission Inn Resort, Howey-in-the-Hills Florida, October 29 - November 2, 2007

Chairman Ron Popp 239-336-2162 Vice Chairman Gary Monday 813-290-8899 Secretary Don Anthony 727-329-2841 Historian Tom Duggar 850-599-1543

**Chairman Ron Popp called the meeting to order at 8:15 A.M on November 2, 2007**. He gave his opening remarks that were followed by an Invocation and Tribute to the flag. Self-introductions of those in attendance found 71 at this Business Meeting.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** – Don Anthony reported that the minutes from the Summer meeting in Marco Island are currently posted on the web site. Don started to read the minutes and a motion was made by John Murphy that was second by Art Gilmore to approve and waive the reading of the Secretary's Minutes. They were approved as written 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 <u>FUCC@callsunshine.com</u>. In the subject line, type the word: <u>subscribe</u>, 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: <u>http://www.fucc.org</u>.

## HISTORIAN REPORT - Tom Duggar

## FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE HISTORIANS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2007

## FIFTY YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 7, 1957, ORLANDO, FL.

CHAIRMAN – J. R. Henderson, Winter Park Telephone Company

SECRETARY – Homer Welch, Lee County Electric Co-op

### NO MINUTES OF THIS MEETING

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO: November 5, 1982, Sheraton Yankee Hotel, Ft. Lauderdale, Fl.

ATTENDANCE: TELEPHONE 9, POWER 22, FDOT 9, GAS 3, COUNTIES 6, CITIES 1, ONE CALL CENTER 3, RAILROAD 1, CONSULTANTS 2, CABLE TV 1, FLA. PSC 2,. A TOTAL OF 59.

CHAIRMAN – R.P. "Dick" Hall, Peoples Gas System VICE CHAIRMAN - Tom Priest, Sebring Utilities Commission SECRETARY – J.L. "Jim" Dunning, Gulf Power Company

Members who attended that meeting that are still active in the FUCC are Dennis LaBelle, Rocky DePrimo, and Jim Wrigh.

Liaison Committee Chairman Dennis LaBelle, distributed drafts for the revised FDOT Utility Liaison Procedure that deals with FDOT liaison from corridor studies through construction and outlines utility responsibilities. Additional FDOT central and office procedures must be revised.

It was reported that there has been no decision on the attempt by the Department of Natural Resources to arrive at a formula for calculating easement fees for users of State owned submerged land.

Items of Interest: The FDOT and Amtrack have entered into a contract to begin rail service in South Florida. The "Silver Palm" will commence intra state passenger service between Tampa and Miami on November 21, 1982.

The guest speaker company provided consulting engineering service in soils, foundations, earth structures, geohydrolog, effluent disposal, site development studies and construction material testing. His presentation covered Florida's sinkhole problem in general and the Winter Park sinkhole in particular. His office is located within 500 feet of the Winter Park sinkhole and he had an excellent slide presentation documenting the various stages of the sinkhole development. His interest and excellent exhibits combined to make this a very informative program.

### **Treasurers Report- Vinnie La Vallette**

Beginning Balance as of 9/30/07			\$ 6291.25
Income			
Pre-Registration (@ \$50 each)	83	\$ 4,150.00	
On-Site Registration (@ \$60 each)	9	\$ 540.00	
Workshop Only (@ \$30 each)	0	\$ 0.00	
Pre-Registration (@\$50 each) by check	6	\$ 300.00	
Spouse for Event (@ \$20 each)	0	\$ 0.00	
Kid(s) for event (@ \$15 each)	0	\$ 0.00	
Booth Rental (@\$250 each)	3	\$ 750.00	
Sponsorship Monies	1	\$ 250.00	
Southeastern Surveying and Mapping			

Expenses		
Acteva Fees:	\$ 257.30	
Hotel Fee	\$ 3,623.08	
Door Prizes	\$ 97.00	
Bank Fees	\$ 3.00	
Hospitality	\$ 517.58	
Hotel Deposit - Key Largo	\$ 800.00	
Printing Costs (A. Lund)	\$ 34.78	
Meeting Booklet Ads	\$ 0.00	
Levy Awards (Chairman Plaque)	\$ 100.00	
Gratuity	\$ 40.00	
Meeting Planner Fee	\$ 1,950.00	
	\$ 0.00	
		\$ 7,422.74

## **Ending Balance**

\$ 9,955.11

Prepared by:

Vinnie LaVallette 11/30/2007

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. Vinnie also suggested that anyone having trouble with the web site can simply send her a check for registration.



## Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee

November 2, 2007

Damage Prevention Manager, Cheryl Ritter presented the following summary of significant accomplishments at SSOCOF for the four month period of June 2007 through September 2007:

- Incoming excavation ticket volume is down 21.2% over last year with 530,563 locate tickets received.
- Outbound excavation ticket volume is down 27.14% with 3.6 million locate tickets transmitted to utility member operators.
- The call center's average answer speed is 14.8 seconds with 38% of all incoming excavation notices received over the phone and 62% over the Internet during the month of September.
- SSOCOF membership stands at 792 primary member operators and 237 associate members.
- Between June 1 and Sept. 20, the center's damage prevention efforts have resulted in 50 safety and educational presentations attended by 1,222; 10 trade shows attended by 6,614 and 77 industry meetings attended by 1,863 throughout Florida. Liaisons gave 20 enforcement presentations educating 1,149 enforcement officers.
- Three top priorities are educating local law enforcement including code enforcement officers, recruiting nonmember utility owners and promoting IRTHnet Ticket Management to increase usage by our members.
- New 811 website is complete. It includes a specific web page for law enforcement. Marketing link includes logo/advertising artwork, and television/radio commercial downloads to make it easier for everyone to promote damage prevention.
- A new enforcement webpage for law enforcement is included as part of the new website. At this
  enforcement resource center, officers can order citation forms, enforcement flow charts, homeowner
  brochures and excavation guides from the webpage. It also promotes the Enforcement Hot-Line 1-800CAREFUL.
- Membership for companies that own or operate underground facilities is mandatory if you know of a company that owns or operates underground facilities and is not an SSOCOF member, report it on the new website.
- SSOCOF seeks positive response code input. The Operations Committee continues its review of the
  positive response codes currently available. If you have any revisions to the existing codes,
  recommendations for new codes or would like to see a code eliminated, report it on the new website.
  Discussion on positive response codes will occur at the next Operations Committee meeting November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- IrthNet is the online total ticket management system SSOCOF is offering its members free of charge. Developed by IrthSolutions, IrthNet allows users to easily manage every ticket using a computer and Internet connection. If you have more questions or want to begin using IrthNet right away, contact Member Services at memberservices@callsunshine.com or (800) 651-6720.
- SSOCOF has selected the new Irth Awareness software product from software vendor Irth Solutions to track all damage prevention efforts across the State of Florida. The new program will track all damage prevention campaigns by month and county and most importantly will also track incoming ticket volumes, noncompliance reports, law enforcements citations and damages reported to the CGA DIRT program to measure the effectiveness of SSOCOF damage prevention programs. The IRTH Awareness program is currently under development with implementation scheduled for January 2008. The IRTH Awareness program will also be available to SSOCOF members for use in tracking their own damage prevention efforts free of charge as another value-added service from SSOCOF.

- A 1/3 page 811 ad has been published in the November (Florida only) issue of the Southern Living magazine.
- SSOCOF partnered with the University of South Florida, Florida State University, University of Florida and the University of Miami to run radio commercials during games for a total in-house exposure of more than 2.2 million.
- NASCAR "Around the Track Preview" features one 30-second spot on Sunsports statewide Fridays at 10 p.m. and Sundays at 10:30 p.m. every NASCAR weekend for a total of 52 spots. An additional 100 bonus spots per month are also part of this contract.
- Clear Channel radio spots ran in Ft. Pierce August 6<sup>th</sup> through August 17<sup>th</sup>
- Traffic.com radio spots ran in Jacksonville August 17 September 21.
- As part of the 2007 Damage Prevention Children's Program, 20,000 poster size growth charts featuring professional NASCAR driver Kyle Busch will be distributed free at NASCAR's Homestead race on November 18<sup>th</sup>.
- SSOCOF hired Captain Jason Keating, a U.S.C.G. Licensed and Insured professional salt water inshore and offshore tournament angler to promote the Call 811 Before You Dig message. Captain Keating has significant exposure to the public as a result of his professional tournament fishing and guiding career. Tournaments scheduled include the IFA Redfish/Oh Boy Oberto Redfish Cup and the offshore SKA Kingfish Trail tournaments.
- SSOCOF encourages all damage prevention stakeholders in Florida to use the CGA 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. Damage reports submitted for Florida totaled 1,596 damages for 2005 and 161 damages for 2006. The primary "root cause" for 2005 damages reported was no notification (39%) and for 2006 incorrect facility records/maps (21%).

Cheryl Ritter thanked the members of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee for the opportunity to present this report and asked for their partnership to help promote damage prevention within their own companies. Visit the new SSOCOF website at www.callsunshine.com to order free promotional items including new 811 license Plates.

## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT REPORTS

## District One – John Fazian for Walt Childs.

District One held their yearly Liaison meeting July 10, 2007. There was approximately 100 in attendance. We always need more sponsors, so if you are interested, please contact Vinny or myself.

Monthly group meetings are held in all counties. Attendance is fair so any increase in attendance is encouraged. Remember, this is how we can communicate in a group setting in your county.

Walt Childs had shoulder surgery in the beginning of October and should return by mid November.

## District Two – Terri Carmichael Asst. DUA

No Report given.

## District Three – Bobby Ellis, (Traci Atkinson) – Not in Attendance- No Report

## District Four – Tim Brock, DUA-

No Report given.

## District Five – Gary Bass, DUA- 386-943-5254

District Five held its 2007 annual Utility Liaison Conference in March of 2007, 130 people attended. The conference distributed the 5 year work program to all attending. Several presentations were made, including Utility Exceptions, Tom Bane and George Lovett, District Production Director. Currently a large focus was on the Central Florida Commuter Rail Transit system, on line by 2009. First leg of this transit will be from downtown Orlando to Delrary 31 Miles with the construction of 16 miles of double track. There are several utilities involved on this project with several potential major conflicts. DUO's to expect contract for Design Build Agreements and locating of facilities soon.

## District Six – No report given

## District Seven – Sally Prescott, representing FDOT

District Seven's Utility Liaison Conference was held on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the SilverThorn Country Club in Hernando County. It was very well attended.

The Districts 5 year work program had not been finalized at that time, but we will notify the utilities as soon as it becomes available.

Our local Utility groups continue to meet monthly throughout the District.

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

## FALL 2007 FUCC MEETING

## FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE PROJECT UPDATE

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

**FPID 406096-1:** This project will widen the HEFT in Dade County from 4 to 8 lanes from SW 117<sup>th</sup> Ave. to Kendall Drive, a distance of roughly 3 miles, with a reconfiguration of the existing SR 874 Interchange. Sixty percent plans are complete and utility coordination is underway. Plans production is scheduled for completion in mid 2009.

**FPID 406104-1 and 415905-1:** This project will add a new interchange at NW 74<sup>th</sup> Street and the HEFT in Miami-Dade County and include additional toll plaza lanes with SunPass Express Lanes at the existing Okeechobee Mainline Plaza. This project is under construction.

**FPID 422816-1 and 422817-1:** These are Design/Build projects to convert the existing Toll Plazas at Homestead and Bird Road on the HEFT to Express Lanes. Construction is scheduled for completion by late 2007.

**FPIDs 406094-1 and 406097-1:** These projects will widen the Southbound lanes of the Turnpike Mainline from 3 to 4 and 5 lanes in Broward County between Griffin Road and Atlantic Blvd.

Approximately twelve miles of the Turnpike will be upgraded. Construction on both projects is underway. There is extensive utility involvement on both projects. Both projects will take three years to construct.

**FPIDs 406094-4 and 406097-4**: These projects will widen the Northbound lanes of the Turnpike Mainline from 3 to 4 and 5 lanes in Broward County between Griffin Road and Atlantic Blvd. Approximately twelve miles of the Turnpike northbound lanes will be upgraded. Utility Coordination is under way and ninety percent plans are under review. Plans production is scheduled for early 2008.

**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. Plans production is scheduled for completion in mid 2008.

**FPID 406147-1 and 406151-1:** These are Design/Build projects to widen the Sawgrass Expressway from 4 to 6 lanes between Atlantic Blvd and the Turnpike. Construction is underway with a completion schedule of late 2007.

**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. Final design is underway. Major utility impacts are expected.

**FPID 420289-1 and 420289-6:** These are Design/Build projects to convert the existing Toll Plazas at Sunrise and Deerfield on the Sawgrass Expressway to Express lanes. Construction is underway and is scheduled for completion in mid 2009.

**FPID 406144-1:** This project will widen the Turnpike Mainline in Palm Beach County from 4 to 8 lanes from Boynton Beach Blvd to Lake Worth Road. The project is roughly 7 miles in length. The project also includes the upgrade of the Lake Worth Road Interchange. Sixty percent plans are complete and utility coordination is underway.

**FPID 406090-1:** The existing Mainline Toll Plaza on the Beachline, SR 528, in Orange County will be upgraded with express lanes. Construction is underway.

**FPID 406091-1:** This project will 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 be complete in 2008.

**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. Ninety percent plans are complete and utility coordination is underway.

**FPID 406148-1:** This project will widen the Turnpike mainline from 4 to 8 lanes from I-4 to Gotha Road in Orange County. The project is roughly 4 miles in length. Construction is underway. A separate project to widen from Gotha Road to Beulah Road is under Final Design for letting this month.

**FPID 422330-1:** This project will widen the Beachline in Orange County from 4 to 6 lanes from the Turnpike Interchange to Boggy Creek Road. Final design and utility coordination is underway for an early 2008 letting.

**FPID 405270-1:** The Turnpike is designing a new road corridor in Citrus County. The road will be an

extension of the Suncoast Parkway. The Suncoast Parkway Phase 2 project will extend the Parkway from US98 in Brooksville north to US19 (Approximately 27 miles). Design has begun on all segments.

James G. Kervin, Turnpike Utility Engineer Lawrence R. Hayduk, Turnpike Utility Manager Rodney Little, Turnpike Utility Coordinator Vince Krepps, Construction Utility Coordinator Nick Vitani, Utility Project Coordinator Lee Davis, Sr. Program Assistant

## CENTRAL OFFICE (C/O) Tom Bane (Also see UAM Interest Group notes)

FDOT has contracted a consultant to reorganize the Utility Accommodation Manual (UAM). There will
not be several changes to the existing regulations, the task is to make the UAM easier to read use. As
part of the contract, the consultant has conducted a survey of the users to identify their concerns and
suggestions to make the UAM easier to use, results of this survey are being analyzed. Also see UAM
/Standing Committee notes

## FUCC UTILITY INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

## Underground Interest Group FUCC Fall Meeting Mission Inn Resort, Howey-In-The-Hills, Fl.

## Meeting Minutes for November 1, 2007

Chair Person: Andy Lund Vice-Chair: Greg Jeffries

eg Jeffries Secretary: Lisa Jackson

ATTENDENANCE: 25

## INTRODUCTIONS

**Summer meeting minutes approved**. No more discussion on FUCC getting involved with letter to Governor regarding "Property Tax Cut" that will or will not be voted on in January 2008.

## OLD BUSINESS..... NONE

## NEW BUSINESS:

Handout from Andy Lund regarding City of Perry wanting to <u>charge</u> for locates, with a \$50.00 per hour minimum with a \$50.00 per line with some utility owners having three types of facilities. Please refer to handout for more information.

A lot of discussion regarding this topic;

A. Disincentive for contractors to call SSOCOF for a dig ticket.

- B. Against the law not to call.
- C. Safety
- D. Charges could become part of permit closing.

At this time (per Dave Erwin w/ SSOCOF Attorney) nothing in Chapter 556 to prevent anyone from charging for a locate. While he did attend a City Council meeting and express logical opposition to the ordinance, they passed it anyway. Mark Sweet (Executive Director) is prepared to go to another Council meeting asking them to rescind due to the potentially severe negative impacts to SSOCOF and utility protection in FL.

Cheryl Ritter w/ SSOCOF marketing/ advertising advised that this is a very big safety issue, especially since SSOCOF is advertised as a "Free Service" and the national 811 campaign parrots this theme. SSOCOF is very concerned and working diligently to resolve this issue, but it will likely take some time.

The meeting went into, impact fees, ERC's and various other issues, that affect how and what municipalities charge for various services.

Hand-out from Andy Lund included copies of the SUE ordinance from City of Fort Lauderdale requiring SUE studies prior to submitting any underground project valued over \$250k for permitting approval. The handout also included a copy of Pennsylvania's One Call Law, which also requires SUE studies on any large project over \$400k, or any project considered complex in nature. Additional items in the handout included copies of Miami-Dade County's Positive Utility Verification Ordinance requiring ALL directional drillers to pothole any utilities that cross or come within three feet of their proposed bore path.

Further discussions included The City of Miami's proposed "Anti-Graffiti" ordinance that would require the removal of utility designation paint marks when the ticket expires or the project is completed. SSOCOF has been somewhat successful in getting the City of Miami to hold off on final enactment of this ordinance until a series of workshops can take place to discuss and offer solutions to the issue.

The last major item of discussion involved an issue left over from the summer (Marco Island) meeting, regarding questions on permitting for subaqueous crossing installed by Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD). The issue was researched and involves protection of sensitive marine organisms that provide a food source for a certain species of dragonfly. A Federal study concluded that drilling mud could contaminate and adversely affect bottom food chain organisms that provide food for upper chain organisms and lead to eco-system failure.

Each subject had lively and informative discussion with great attendee participation.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTEREST GROUP FALL MEETING NOVEMBER 1, 2007.

## Brian Lantz – Co-Chairman for Bob Lowan - Chairman

- SELF INTRODUCTIONS There were 24 in attendance.
- Subjects for last minute presentations in the event of cancellation of a speaker.
- Common Ground Alliance report shows the majority of damage claims are in the \$500 to \$1000 range. The average is low due to the fact that most reported damage is to pipeline.
- Quality of information provided to FDOT by utilities on mark ups needs to be precise in relation to size of facility.
- Utilities need more time to mark up plans. They need to contact consultants to negotiate the time frame.
- Need database for location of all utilities within the R/W. Who is going to pay for and maintain it?

- What is the cost/benefit for inputting all facilities into GIS system?
- Need to decide what program the F.U.C.C. wants to back on locate info.

Need topics for educational seminar. Check with TBE and project in Dallas with a joint conduit system.

# Power Interest Group – Fall Meeting 2007 Howey-in-the-Hills

## T.K. Christie - Chairman

- Aerial Crossings over Limited Access Highways such as the Turnpike.
  - Power Group is concerned that this issue is becoming a state-wide issue.
  - FDOT explained the issue arises from no MOT established for a 4-lane or more highways.
  - There are 2 separate concerns that have arose, one relates to limited access highways and the other relates to other 4-lane highways.
  - David Kuhlman & T.K. Christie has volunteered to provide the FDOT input for the Power Interest Group to establish new MOT's that address the 2 concerns relating to limited access highways and other 4-lane roadways. David Kuhlman will be the liaison to the FDOT for this effort.
  - The group suggested to the FDOT that we look at how other states have MOT's setup like the 2 that we will need to establish.
- A concern was discussed regarding taper lengths of some of the MOT 600 indexes.
  - FDOT is currently involved in a research project to attempt to offer relief with this concern.
- The Turnpike expressed their preference with utilities installing crossings underground rather than overhead for new projects but there is no existing law that makes this activity required.
- Developer-driven Projects
  - o There is a lot of concern from the Power Group with developer-driven projects.
  - FDOT has offered to help communicate with utilities where the funding is coming from on projects if the utility asks the District Utility Engineer/Administrator.
- Design-Build Projects
  - Utilities had a concern regarding subordinations on design-build projects.
  - FDOT informed the group that the construction contractors for design-build projects are required to bid the RFP with subordinations in mind.
  - Some of the FDOT Districts run subordination reimbursements through the district and some districts do not.
- F.U.C.C. Steering Committee has asked for a presentation from the Power Interest Group for Spring 2008 (May) Meeting to help create stand-by presentations in the event of a presentation being cancelled.

- Art Gilmore is in the process of creating a presentation suitable for the Educational Session of the F.U.C.C.
- Also asked input from the group on other existing presentations that could easily be modified for the F.U.C.C.
- No Vice-Chairman was appointed for the year. Since there were no volunteers for Vice-Chairman, the decision was made to simply ask for a Chairman for a meeting in the event of the Chairman not being able to attend a meeting.
- 24 in Attendance
  - 14 Electric representatives
  - 5 DOT representatives
  - 1 Communications representatives
  - 4 Consultant representatives

## FUCC STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES Fall Meeting October 31, 2007

### Gary Monday- Chairman

Gary Monday conducted the Steering Committee Meeting; there were 15 present at the meeting. Self introductions were made. The following topics were discussed at this meeting.

### **Old Business**

1. F.U.C.C. Chairman Ron Popp to present the changes to the by-laws to the membership at the Business meeting on Friday November 2, 2007.

#### New Business

- 1. Need to fill in the Sub-Committee open slots. Suggest to have a Co-Chair in each sub-committee to fill in for the Chairman in case of absence. Gary explained the sub-committee Chairmanship is NOT limited to a 1 year term. The Interest Group Chairmanship IS for a 1 year term.
- 2. FUCC Shirts and Hats are now available by internet order only. Gary Monday and Dennis LaBelle will look into purchasing a small amount to have at the winter meeting.
- 3. Stand by topics and presenters are needed in case of cancellation of scheduled speaker. Dennis needs input from everyone for future workshops and presentations. Possibly have each sub committee do a presentation once a year. Possible to resurrect past workshops.
- 4. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

## FUCC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

## 1) JOINT USE – Don Anthony, Chairman

Self introductions were made. There were 9 in attendance.

Gary Bass – F.D.O.T. District V stated the FDOT Resident Engineers have inquired about possibly getting a list of tenants on the poles from the pole owners. This is to try and build a data base in FDOT R/W's. District VII is piloting a program at this time.

Asked the pole owners using the NJUNS do a presentation to the group as to how well the system is working and the benefits to using vs. pole owners doing transfers for joint users.

Had a discussion on joint use and disaster recovery.

John Pugh, Bright House Networks, has volunteered to Chair the Joint Use Sub Committee. Jan Ash of Ash Engineering will Co-Chair.

### 2) UAM SUB COMMITTEE- James Lormann, Chair

Introductions were made, there were 40 in attendance.

Old Business:

Clarification of Chairmanship of the sub committee -Chairman of sub committee's are appointed by the Steering Committee and confirmed by vote. Therefore, Jim Lormann is re-established as Chairman and John Murphy was named Co-Chairman. David Kuhlman, FPL, acknowledges John as Co-Chairman and released his claim to the position.

Tom Bane, FDOT State Utility Engineer, provided an update of the U.A.M. re-write and advised the re-write is on schedule to be complete around May 2008.

The U.A.M. liaison subcommittee team will receive proposed changes in FDOT Policy and Procedures. The subcommittee will then report to the UAM subcommittee for review and distribution.

New Business:

Tom Bane, FDOT, presented an organization chart of FDOT District Utilities.

He requested the committee to select members to sit on various FDOT standards committees as non-voting members. This should allow utilities early access to discuss proposed changes to the U.A.M.

The members requested the FDOT to provide their position requiring sealed MOT plans to pull cables aerial across roadways. Tom Bane acknowledged that he was un-aware of any incidences that have occurred to date. He said for a temporary measure, work with each District concerning work around or sealed plans.

Members requested information from the FDOT concerning developer driven projects. The U.A.M. committee suggested this issue be addressed by the Interest Groups.

Agenda for next meeting:

Welcome and introduction. Old Business. New Business. Open Discussion by attendees. Adjorn. James R. Lormann Real Estate Manager III Embarq Corporation Voice: 407.889.1313 Cell: 407.221.1167 Fax: 407.889.1636 Email: james.r.lormann@embarq.com 555 Lake Border Drive, Apopka, FI 32703 Mailstop: FLAPKA0305-3005

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**MEMBERSHIP** John Pugh –Chair The FUCC Brochure has been completed and will be available to be passed out at all State and local events by our membership.

### **CONFERENCE PLANNING/UCC** Dennis Labelle – Chair

Winter 2008 meeting, the flyer is correct, the book is not.

The Fall 2008 meeting will **NOT** be held the week of Halloween. Location – TBA.

There will be a presentation on rail road permitting put on by CSX at the Spring 2008 meeting in Key Largo.

A pilot U.C.C. module on billing will be held in the Orlando area in the next few weeks.

## **BUSINESS MEETING – New Business**

Chairman Ron Popp gave a presentation on the revised by-laws. A cover sheet and a table of contents have been added. There were some changes in section VII and Ron went over them. If anyone would like to address anything in the by-laws, please present them to the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman. There are some changes in grammar and some additions to be made. These will be brought for vote of steering committee at the spring meeting.

We encourage everyone to register on-line early to get hotel reservations for Ocala Conference.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 10:35 am, to reconvene on February 8, 2008.

Respectfully submitted by:

Don Anthony, Bright House Networks Secretary, Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee