

FUCC WINTER MEETING – FEBRUARY 4-6, 2009 OCALA, FLORIDA



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WINTER MEETING

Ocala Hilton, Ocala, Florida. February 4-6, 2009

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Juan J. Lopez
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Chairman Gary Monday called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M on February 6, 2009. The Chairman welcomed everyone and gave his opening remarks. The Chairman then introduced Vince Montgomery, who gave the Invocation followed by the Tribute to the Flag. The Chairman introduced the officers, Don Anthony, Vice Chairman, Juan J. Lopez, Secretary, Vinnie Lavallette, Treasurer and Tom Duggar, Historian. Self-introductions of those in attendance found 50 at this Business Meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Juan J. Lopez reported that the minutes from the Fall Meeting in Port, Cape Canaveral were printed and were available on the registration table. They will be posted on the web site later on. Juan started to read the minutes and a motion was made by Lawree Washington and seconded by Joe Nero to approve and waive the reading of the Secretary's Minutes. They were approved as written. The group was reminded to submit their subcommittee reports to the Secretary as soon as possible and to write them in laymen's term so they can be more understandable to others that may not be as familiar with the terminology used by their committees. The group was reminded of the E-mail Group for 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>.

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HISTORIAN’S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2009

FIFTY YEARS AGO – February 1959

No Minutes of the meeting

CHAIRMAN – Homer Welch, Lee County Electric Co- op
Vice – Chairman – R. E. Raymond, Florida Power Corporation
SECRETARY – A. Tabanelli, Southeastern Telephone Company

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO: FEBRUARY 3, 1984, Holiday Inn, Cocoa Beach, Fl.

ATTENDANCE: TELEPHONE 11, POWER 23, FDOT 13, GAS 5, COUNTIES 4,
ONE CALL CENTER 3, Cities 4, Cable TV 1, Consultants 3. A Total of 67.

CHAIRMAN – Tom Priest, Sebring Utilities Commission
VICE CHAIRMAN – J. L. “Jim” Dunning, Gulf Power Company
SECRETARY – R. J. McConville, United Telephone

Members who attended that meeting that are still active in the FUCC are
Dennis Labelle, Rocky DePrimo, Ed Garcia, Walt Childs and Thomas Duggar.

Paul Kaczorowski FDOT State Utility engineer reported for the DOT on the status of the items submitted by the subcommittee. He stated that those Items concerning fee payment for use fo public right-of-way that is occupied by utilities is no longer a part of the DOT rewrite; it has been referred to the chairman of the House Transportation Committee for disposition. Paul advised that a written report to the subcommittee is being prepared. Paul said the DOT has forwarded the proposed rewrite of the Florida Transportation Code to the Chairman of the House Transportation Committee for Legislative action.

The Chairman introduced Earnest Salley, Administration of Railroad Operations, DOT. Ernest presented an overview of the Railroad Signal Program.

The United States Congress recognized that the protection of motor Vehicles, passengers and trains at railroad street intersections was a national problem and passed the Transportation Act to fund construction of railroad warning devices at hazardous crossing. From this Act, the Florida State Rail Bureau was established. It is the Bureau’s Responsibility for administering the program and they are doing a fine job.

The Chairman presented Earnest Salley with a plaque in recognition of his un-tiring efforts in promoting Coordination through Cooperation while serving as State Utility engineer at the Florida Department of Transportation.

A slide presentation was presented on “Mass Transits Impact on Utilities”. The in-depth presentation of the Mass Transit Program was most enlightening.

Dennis Labelle reported that he wrote the Guide for Coordination Committee structure for the IRWA. The Guide will be used as a base for establishing Coordination committees throughout the county.

It was reported that efforts are being made to establish a One Call Center in the Orlando area. At the time we had One Call Centers in Tampa, Miami, Ft. Lauderdale and Tallahassee.

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Treasurers Report

The full Treasurers report will be available at the next FUCC Meeting in Key Largo, Florida

In Summary:

Beginning Balance as of 12-31-08		\$ 10,651.00
Deposits made since 11/08		\$ 4,200.00
<u>Income</u>	\$ 6,310.00	
<u>Expenses</u>	\$ 9,138.00	
Workshop Only		
Pre-Registration		
On Site Registration		
Total Attendance	50	

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



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Sunshine State One-Call of Florida, Inc. Report to the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee February 6, 2009

Damage Prevention Liaison, Kathy Thrash, presented the following summary of significant accomplishments at SSOCOF:

- Incoming ticket volume for December 2008 was down 14% from December last year, down 13% for the fiscal year-to-date and down 1% from last month.
- Outgoing (billable) transmission volume for December 2008 was down 17% from December of last year, down 12% for fiscal year to date, and down 6% from last month. Positive response late notice transmissions for December 2008 totaled 25,974 (5% late) and 280,272 (6% late) for the fiscal year-to-date.
- Incoming ticket volume for December 2008 was approximately 69% ITE and 31% phone and the same for fiscal year-to-date.
- SSOCOF total membership as of December 2008 stands at 836 primary members and 239 associate members.
- The national CGA Conference & Expo being held on February 17 – 19, 2009 in Orlando will feature exhibits, conference sessions, workshops and technology features for all areas of underground utility damage prevention. It's not too late to register. Pick up a flyer today or view the links on our website. CGA Safety Day, sponsored by SSOCOF, is a FREE event that will be held on Thursday, February 19th. Over 400 stakeholders have already registered as a result of an excavator email to 100,000. Please join us at the Caribe Royal for live demonstrations, continuing education credits, exhibits and much more. Registration is required in advance. Pick up your free pass today. Visit SAFETYDAY09.COM or Call 866-279-7755.
- Four Regional CGA Summits are scheduled. Please check out our website for details or contact your local liaison.
- Sunshine State One Call has partnered with eight other states call centers to sponsor NASCAR's new #20 Home Depot driver, Joey Logano, for the 2009-2010 racing session. Using Logano's image in TV ads, on the radio and in print increases the effectiveness of our efforts due to Joey's recognition and endorsement of the "Call Before You Dig" message.
- Plans are underway for national "Safe Digging Month". Throughout April 2009, SSOCOF will conduct a statewide safety campaign including a media blitz to alert homeowners and professional excavators of the requirement to call 811 before digging. This year is more crucial than ever before~ as home improvements rise, so do the damages. Promote 811 on company vehicles, websites and marketing materials as a symbol of safety. If you would like more information about the campaign, please visit our website at www.callsunshine.com
- Did you know you can try *lrthNet* for a 30-day trial? *lrthnet*, the ticket management system for members simplifies locate ticket management without IT costs and headaches. To get started using *lrthNet* today, contact our Member Services Department by email or phone: memberservices@mail.callsunshine.com or at (800) 651-6720. All SSOCOF members are encouraged to take advantage of this FREE value added service.
- Florida's Virtual Private DIRT (Damage Information Reporting Tool) is available to all damage prevention stakeholders to report information on damaged underground facilities. It's free and those who submit information remain anonymous. A DIRT data presentation will be given at each Underground Interest Group meeting. SSOCOF recommends that all members start reporting today. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the FUCC Steering Committee for voting unanimously to endorse our recommendation. This vote by the FUCC members demonstrates their support of SSOCOF and its efforts to support the nine elements as outlined in the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and Excavation Damage Prevention Initiative (EDPI).

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- **SSOCOF urges all persons in Florida with knowledge of a violation of the "Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act," Chapter 556, F.S. to report this information immediately to the local law or code enforcement agency with jurisdiction for the area where the violation is allegedly occurring.**
- **Kathy Thrash thanked the FUCC members for the opportunity to present this report.**

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

District One – Walter Childs, District Utility Administrator

Reported by Jerrold R. Whitt, Special Project Manager PBS&J Representing FDOT District One.

- District One held their annual liaison meeting on January 14, 2009 in Sarasota. There were 85 in attendance. Presentation by Luke Bergerin with Mueller Canada on adjusting manholes. Walt Childs touched on the up coming Stimulus Package.

District Two - No report given or received.

District Three - No report given or received.

District Four – No report given or received.

District Five – Gary Bass, District Utility Administrator

Reported by John Murphy, GAI Consultants for FDOT District Five.

- The District Liaison meeting will meet on April 22nd at the Turnpike Headquarters in Ocee, Turkey Lake Service Plaza. No registration fee, lunch is on your own. Tentative Time 7:45 AM to 3:30 PM.
- District Five is reviewing current Projects In District (PID) as candidates for construction projects if and when the Federal Stimulus program is authorized.

District Six – No report given or received.

District Seven – Sally Prescott, District Utility Administrator

Reported by David Summers. Planning for the Spring Liaison conference which will be either March 27th or April 3rd.

- We are inviting City, County and State representatives to discuss their projects for the Federal Stimulus Package.
- We will notify the UAO's about the Stimulus list as soon as the official list is released.

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

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 117th Ave. to Kendall Drive, a distance of roughly 3 miles, with a reconfiguration of the existing SR 874 Interchange. Ninety percent plans are complete and utility coordination is underway. Plans production is scheduled for mid 2009.

FPID 406104-1 and 415905-1: This project will add a new interchange at NW 74th Street and the HEFT in Miami-

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Dade County and includes additional toll plaza lanes with Sunpass Express Lanes at the existing Okeechobee Mainline Plaza. This project is under construction.

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 was extensive utility involvement on both projects.

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. Final design and utility coordination is underway.

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. 100% plans are complete and utility coordination is ongoing.

FPID 406150-1: This project will widen the Turnpike mainline from 6 to 8 lanes in north Broward County, from south of Atlantic Boulevard to the Sawgrass Expressway. Utility coordination is on-going. Final design is complete. 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 scheduled for completion in mid-2009.

FPID 406144-4: This project includes the upgrade of the Florida Turnpike at Lake Worth Road Interchange. 100% plans are complete and utility coordination is wrapping up.

FPID 406143-1: This project will widen the Turnpike Mainline in Palm Beach County from 4 to 8 lanes between Lake Worth Road and Okeechobee Blvd. 30% plans are complete.

FPID 406090-1: The existing Mainline Toll Plaza on the Beachline (SR 528), in Orange County will be upgraded with express lanes. Construction is on-going and completion is anticipated in 2009.

FPID 406146-1: This project will widen the Turnpike mainline from 4 to 8 lanes from Beulah Road to SR 50 in Orange County. The project is roughly 4 miles in length. The pre-construction meeting was held in December 2008 and construction is starting early 2009.

FPID 406148-1: This project will widen the Turnpike mainline from 4 to 8 lanes from I4 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 also under construction.

FPID 422330-1: This project will widen the Beachline (SR 528) in Orange County from 4 to 6 lanes from the Turnpike Interchange to Boggy Creek Road. Construction is underway.

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 2 project will extend the Parkway from US 98 in Hernando County north to US 19 in Citrus County (Approximately 27 miles). 30% plans are complete on all segments and utility coordination is underway.

James G. Kervin, Turnpike Utility Administrator/Project Manager
Lawrence R. Hayduk, Turnpike Utility Manager
Deanna H. Campbell, Turnpike Utility & Rail Coordinator
Vince Krepps, Construction Utility Coordinator
Nick Vitani, Utility Project Coordinator

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Kelly McKeel, Department Administrator

FUCC MEETING PRESENTATION

Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at 1:30 PM

Chairman Gary Monday opened the afternoon session at 1:00 PM by welcoming everyone and introducing the officers, treasurer and historian. Chairman Gary Monday also thanked Dennis and Margie Labelle for their efforts in putting the conference together. The Chairman also announced the traditional corn boil would take place after the meeting.

The Chairman introduced the presenters for the afternoon workshop session, Tom Bane, FDOT State Utilities Engineer and Brian Blanchard, FDOT Chief Engineer who made a presentation on the Federal Economic Stimulus Package.

Overviews of the presentation were as follows:

- The Federal Government has a Stimulus Package to create jobs.
- 28,000 jobs can be created for every \$1.0 Billion dollars spent.
- Projects must be completed within 3 years.

How will projects be designed?

- Traditional design and then construct the projects
- Design-built projects
- Grants for transit, airports, rail, fixed guideways

For more information, go to:

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/economicstimulus/>

FDOT is contacting Cities, Counties, MPO's and others throughout the State to obtain early input and provide information on how to implement the projects.

- Estimate that Florida will get between \$1.4 and \$1.5 Billion dollars for highway projects.
- Money has to be obligated within 90 days of approval.
- Stimulus money is to supplement already encumbered money, not to pay for existing debts.
- All Federal requirements must be followed.
- LAP certified for local government
- 45% of the money will go to local governments
- 55% of the money will go to the FDOT
- The proposed Bill does not address Utilities

50% of the funds will have to be obligated within 90 days of receipt and the other 50% will have to be obligated by August 1st, 2010.

Money will be redistributed to local governments by population distribution. Municipalities will be identified by FDOT.

Money is to be used for construction where jobs are created. Resurfacing, repairs, restorations and replacements are projects of interest for these funds.

FDOT may stage projects to assist Utilities. Utilities are concerned about all the work coming up and they are not getting any stimulus money. There are also concerns about contractors going to where the work is and States competing for good contractors.

Money is to be spent within 3 years of the Bill's passage. There will be no additional money for reimbursement of Utilities. FDOT is treating the program like a normal project for the Utilities where all the Federal regulations will be observed. If the Utilities have a compensable interest, then they will get reimbursed like a regular project.

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LOUIS CASTELLANOS, TECO-PEOPLE GAS had a follow up discussion about the concerns of the Utilities. These were summarized in a letter to Mr. Blanchard of the FDOT and highlighted as follow:

Topic: Federal Stimulus Package – Impact on Joint Users of the R/W

PRESENTATIONS:

FDOT presented an overview of the Federal Stimulus Package and discussed “Potential Projects for Advancement”, project design, and the impact on its existing projects.

- Cautioned that stimulus package remains subject to change, with President asking for final bill by Feb 16, 2009.
- Envisions that funding to FDOT projects will be in the neighborhood of \$1.4 billion. This figure increases project spending by approximately 30% over current funding (\$4-billion). Redistribution provisions addressing unspent stimulus dollars could change the actual stimulus amount up or down substantially.
- Envisions that 45% of the stimulus money it gets will be passed through to projects by Florida’s counties and cities.

Mr. Luis Castellanos of TECO Peoples Gas System began the discussion of the impact on joint users by presenting an overview of typical utility practices regarding budgeting for projects, allocation of staff resources, scheduling, acquisition of outside services and equipment, etc. Mr. Castellanos also contrasted Utility objectives with FDOT objectives.

A detailed meeting agenda was distributed. FDOT and Mr. Castellanos prepared presentation outlines. FDOT provided 11-page potential projects list.

DISCUSSION:

In response to a question about compensable interests from TECO, FDOT advised that is proceeding on a “business as usual” basis. Existing rules need to be changed in order for FDOT to proceed otherwise.

Verizon offered that resources are not available for their projected workload (11 projects at \$5 million each). It is also concerned that contractor prices will increase as more work is made available.

FDOT suggested that “staggering of projects” can help, and suggested that utilities approach their local Districts and participate in project prioritization.

FDOT noted that a stimulus provided circa 2003 was made to work.

FPL noted that planning for the expected stimulus is difficult. With a “wave” of work coming, there will be competition for contractors across the US. FPL also suggested that FDOT could do more to eliminate utility coordination from some projects where such coordination is unnecessary (e.g., paving only).

Southeast Surveying offered that paving projects do not necessarily create the jobs that are intended.

Discussion began with the membership considering utility funding sources for non-budgeted projects. It was observed that municipalities operate their own water and sewer utilities and will have to deal with the increase in projects.

The City of Lakeland offered that its budgets are determined the same as any other utility. There is no money available this year or in the near future for utility relocation; the revenue is not there. Grant funds are probably not available. Thus, Lakeland will be forced to apply for additional funds through a revolving loan. The result will be that money for their other projects (e.g., maintenance) will instead go to service debt on the revolving loan. FDOT is encouraged to “think out of the box” concerning Chapter

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337.403(1)(a) and to initiate procedures for judicial or Attorney General determination, and give authorization to incur cost for relocations until the determination and, if necessary, provide zero-interest or low-interest loans for utility relocations. For water and sewer, further work with the FDEP to provide State Revolving Fund money not subject to segment caps.

Power Company opined that, with respect to the stimulus package, “the less utility involvement, the better” and that this program is a debacle waiting to happen. In any event, utilities need some flexibility, for example no incentives to contractors for finishing projects early. Also, taking a national perspective, we can expect that experience, labor, and materials for utility relocations will get hard to find. Thinking outside the box needs to be considered, as some of the current requirements imposed on utilities are unnecessary. .

Brian suggested that FDOT could calculate the amount of additional “hardship” imposed on the utilities by the stimulus projects and reimburse on such a basis.

Ash wondered about downtime claims. Also, if a utility says it cannot do the relocation in the early design phases, what is consequence/penalty?

FDOT District 7 observed that it is already dealing with a municipality having funding problems because of floating bonds, a bad bond market, and now project acceleration.

BrightHouse asked if FDOT could make available its list of contractors and their downtime claims to help identify potentially bad actors.

TECO PGS suggested establishment of contractor grading per project. This will eventually lead to the identity of bad actors.

Florida Gas Transmission offered that stimulus package timelines were a problem as they may conflict with other federal constraints on their projects. It takes at least 12-months to go from design to construction. It is also concerned about money to complete the projects,

Orlando utilities reported that shelved projects are being reactivated and will require skilled manpower. However they currently are under a hiring freeze so work is being done as best it can be.

It was suggested that FDOT consider “carve outs” in stimulus projects whereby situations having difficult utility issues be delayed, deferred, or funded differently.

There was a general concern expressed over delay claims, lack of budget and resources, and increasing costs for labor and materials with stimulus projects.

Bob asked if utilities could partner with the State in the Accelerated Project selection process.

FDOT hopes such partnering already happens at the local level, and welcomes the utilities' views on the process. District 7 observed that utilities share opportunity for input with MPOs and the public.

Verizon asked about the stimulus package concept of “shovel in ground” and how that relates to utility work schedules.

FDOT says it means the project can be finished within 3 years, and offered that utility issues were not considered in creating the stimulus package.

TECO suggested that initial stimulus funding might go to resurfacing and mitered end projects as a means of providing some relief to the utilities.

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FDOT speculated that stimulus package provisioning for distressed counties, where utility presence may be less, might fortuitously provide some relief to utilities.

Hillsborough County observed that a domino or ripple effect could be expected, impacting the various professions and many agencies within County governments. Everyone needs to let FDOT know what is needed and maybe consider more JPAs.

GAI offered, as a design build firm, that there is no time for doing the conventional phasing process on the stimulus projects. In any event, good communication needs to begin on Day 1.

In response to a question from Ash about project prioritization, District 7 offered that the process is politicized to some extent. The Cargo Road project was mentioned as an example; even though it cannot be completed in 3 years, it is District 7 top priority. Ultimately, TAL provides the official priority list. District 7 does observe the 3-year criterion in considering its priorities.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS

Hillsborough County Water Resources asks if the stimulus package contains, or could contain, provisions to assist utility owners with funding for relocations. If such assistance is available, how is it accessed and where is information being made available?

An FDOT Consultant offers the following analysis:

Utility Concerns:

Time Table:

These stimulus package projects must be let within 90 days of receiving the funds: The following timeline for items required to build the job are:

Permitting for Federally regulated utilities (12 months)
Permitting for environmental issues (requires 90 days)
Permitting for CSX takes about 7 months

Possible Resolution:

Enough time is not set up for the utilities to meet the demand that will be coming from the FDOT, and local governments. Allow those agencies to stagger their projects and give them 12 months to letting projects for the stimulus package

Material Procurement:

The entire country will be competing for resources. Even with a full staff only so much can be made. The Utility could be penalized if they do not meet this demand, yet this item is out of their control. Give some leniency regarding this issue for down time claims etc.

Man Power

Again the entire county will be competing for these forces – must have time to train folks.

Money

No reimbursement for these jobs. Also, revenue is down due to lost customers – reduction in new customers. How do we hire and pay for material without funds?

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Project Criteria:

If complex highly impacted utility projects are on this list – then this will be a major negative effort for the utilities. It can be done, but a lot of down time claims – a lot of possible legal issue could arise from this – What is reasonable?

Impacts from Environmental Issues

Money for water/sewer/drainage – those projects will require just as much attention as the transportation projects – please don't forget we must meet their demand as well.

MEETING WITH TOM BANE TO ADDRESS FDOT-DUE's NOT ATTENDING FUCC

Wednesday, February 4, 2009 3:00 PM

Chairman Gary Monday requested this meeting to address FDOT-DUE's not attending the FUCC meetings. Tom Banes stated that due to budget constraints "only travel approved is for mission critical" meetings. The discussion centered around the importance of having the DUE's in attendance to be able to discuss issues and be consistent across the different Districts and State. Districts are restraining the DUE's from attending because the mission critical meetings can be held at the Districts instead at the FUCC. The outcome of this meeting was for FUCC to write a letter to Mr. Banes requesting the DUE's attendance at the FUCC and stating the importance of their presence at the FUCC meetings.

FUCC SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

Thursday February 5, 2009 at 8:00 AM

Board meeting with Chairman Gary Monday, Vice Chairman Don Anthony, Secretary Juan J. Lopez and Luis Castellanos of TECO-PEOPLES GAS and David W. Gerald of FGE Engineering, Inc.

Discussed the Federal Stimulus package and the need to send Brian Blanchard – FDOT Chief Engineer a report on how the stimulus package will affect the Utilities. The report is listed above under **Topic: Federal Stimulus Package – Impact on Joint Users of the R/W**

FUCC INTEREST GROUPS MEETINGS

Thursday, February 5, 2009 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

FUCC MEETING PRESENTATION

Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 1:00 PM

Chairman Gary Monday opened the afternoon session at 1:00 PM by welcoming everyone and thanking everyone for attending during these challenging economic times. The Chairman introduced the officers and reminded everyone of the corn boil following the meeting and the hospitality suite, #207 which will be open from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Chairman thanked the Hospitality sponsors and in particular Marilyn Pineau for all her efforts. The Chairman introduced Dennis Black who spoke about the corn boil being a charitable event. The Chairman discussed the next FUCC at Marco Island and introduced Jodi Rano who is the chairperson for the Award Banquet festivities. Jodi Rano spoke about the theme of this year's Award Banquet being MARDI-GRAS on August 5, 2009 at the Marco Island FUCC meeting.

Discussion about the upcoming Key Largo FUCC meeting will be within 30 days of the Federal Stimulus Package implementation. Encouraged everyone to attend, coordinate, cooperate and discuss Stimulus II. Indicated that there should be a lot of action. After this meeting there will be a steering committee meeting.

Chairman Gary Monday introduced FDOT Central Office State Utilities, Tom Bane, who spoke on FDOT Rule, Legislative Branch (FL Statutes) and Executive Branch (FL Administrative Codes)

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2:00 PM, Chairman Gary Monday introduced Nick Zembillas, TBE Group who gave a presentation to the members about the International Scan Program process and the R/W and Utilities International Scanning tour of 2008.

3:30 PM, Chairman Gary Monday introduced Andy Lund who made a presentation on “It’s all about the map”

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STEERING COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 5, 2009

There were 15 in attendance.

There was a lengthy discussion about the lack of FDOT- DUE's attending at the FUCC meetings and the need for them to be in attendance to address the utilities issues in a consistent manner and state wide basis. It was agreed that the FUCC Chairman is to send a letter to Mr. Banes formalizing FUCC's request for the DUE's to attend the FUCC meetings. Also there was a discussion about having the FDOT Maintenance Engineers (Permit) also attend the meetings.

There was some discussion about meeting before the May FUCC meeting in Key Largo to discuss the Federal Stimulus Package and how it would affect the utilities.

FUCC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

JOINT USE GROUP

Chairman: John Pugh, Thursday – February 5, 2009, 8:00 A.M. , In Attendance: 9

- Power Company's still working on pole hardening. They are doing it in phases, weather has made it easier and they have done a lot of tree trimming ahead of work, and they have been doing better customer service.
- Pulling poles still a challenge, priority issues and pressure from cities and counties.
- Osmose damaging and sometimes power company some lines around the poles when digging.
- We discussed putting a bar code for audit purposes at eye level for reading who is on the pole.
- We discussed a system called JUTS – which is a joint use tracking which saves to a form, and follows up with e-mails to other utilities with issues needed corrected and possible work stop topic.
- We discussed theft of equipment, grounds, from different companies.
- We discussed how in Alabama and Georgia there are too many steps using NJUNS, needs better mapping.
- Discussion of cities and counties just attaching their networks to poles with no notification.
- We talked about pole audits being done every 8 years, and looking at catching all violations, safety issues at the same time.
- We talked about the Stimulus package and how the FDOT Districts are going to have to work with us together.
- New NJUNS and enhancements as topic for Marco Island.

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POWER INTEREST GROUP

Karen Ellzey Chair, In Attendance: 27 (Utilities: 20 - FDOT: 1 - Consultants: 6)

1. Talked about sending any permitting issues or inconsistencies to Tom Bane to help improve the working relationship with FDOT.
2. Discussed potential ideas for the educational workshop.
3. Decided on the topic for the educational seminar in Marco. Andy Lund will be doing a presentation on Renewable Energy Options.
4. Discussed various “special conditions” on utility work schedules.
5. Two (2) motions were passed and were taken to the steering committee for consideration:
 - Suggest to the steering committee to consider the frequency of the meetings due to the current economic situation.
 - Ask the steering committee to assist in ways to justify the cost and time to attend these meetings to management.

UNDERGROUND INTEREST GROUP

Chair: Greg Jeffries, Attendance: 31 (Utilities: 8 - FDOT: 2 - Consultant: 21)

Discussion:

- The group discussed permitting issues and variances with different FDOT offices.
- Discussion continued on the “Stimulus Bill” and some potential issues for utilities.
- Andy Lund (Sentinel USA) provided a presentation on the GITA Gecco initiative and the recent meeting in the Tampa Area wherein 65 critical agency representatives attended. The group forged an agreement to start a collaborative mapping database with Hillsborough County acting as the host.
- Discussion continued on topics for the Key Largo Meeting, educational topics for the Marco Meeting and the UIG educational presentation for Mission Inn – “Locator 101”.
- Kathy Thrash of SSOCOF provided a presentation on the 2007 DIRT Final Report, the results of which are somewhat alarming. The results indicate that “insufficient marking practices” are a much larger issue than first suspected. Incidents of improper marks were only topped by “insufficient excavation practices” and only by a narrow margin. The final report is available at the CGA website.
- The meeting concluded @ 11:15 A.M. to make way for the relocated luncheon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Jeffries
UIG Chair

FUCC WINTER MEETING – FEBRUARY 4-6, 2009 OCALA, FLORIDA

FUCC BUSINESS MEETING

Chairman Gary Monday opened the meeting at 8:00 AM introducing Vince Montgomery who gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chairman introduced the officer. After the self introduction of the attendees, Secretary Juan J. Lopez started to read the minutes and a motion was made by Lawree Washington second by Joe Nero to approve and waive the reading of the Secretary's Minutes. They were approved as written. Tom Duggar gave the Historian report.

FDOT District Reports:

Central Office by Tom Bane. A stimulus package still up in the air. Districts don't know yet but they have a lot of work to choose from. Recommended for everyone to be in touch with the Districts as they know more. One DOT is trying to be more consistent on how to permit. UAM Subcommittee will try to meet between now and next FUCC meeting to try to wrap up ASAP. Rule making; limited access to consider compensation is on the way.

Dist 1 – Reported by Jerrold R. Whitt

Dist 2 – No Report

Dist 3 – No Report

Dist 4 – No Report

Dist 5 – Reported by John Murphy

Dist 6 – No Report

Dist 7 – Reported by David Summers

Treasure Report – Vinnie Lavallette

Chairman Gary Monday recognized Past FUCC Chairmen in attendance at this meeting. Those presents were:

John Murphy
John Pugh
Vince Montgomery

Art Gillmore
Tom Duggar
Dennis Labelle

Dennis Black
Lawree Washington

Interest Groups

- Power Group - reported by Karen Ellzey. 27 in attendance. Will e-mail report
- Telecom Group – Reported by Bryan Lantz, 26 in attendance. Will e-mail report.
- Underground – Craig Jefferies, 31 in attendance, 2 FDOT, 1-Andy Lund. Will e-mail report

Sub-committee Reports

UAM Committee – Bryant Lantz

Jim Lowman is heading this sub-committee. Bryan Lantz gave status of UAM which is being re-written. There is a short list of about a half a dozen items left to be resolved with the UAM. For example, definition of an emergency eminent pressure loss, utility work not requiring an immediate permit, Professional Engineer for traffic control, Vertical clear requirements, site distances and ducts.

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UCC - Dennis Labelle

- Workshop technical sessions need more topics
- Cost Estimate and Coordination Modules are being taught, so far 260 have passed the courses
- Cost Estimate and Coordination will be offered in Tampa on March 19 and 20.
- Design module is coming together.
- Ocala will have a Corn Boil
- Courses are designed around FDOT processes intent is to be generic but need more County representation
- Next meetings – Key Largo, Marco Island and Mission Inn

Steering Committee Meeting

By Don Anthony

15 present.

Letter to be sent to FDOT to request the participation of the Districts DUEs at the FUCC meetings .

Membership

Did not have a meeting

Program Planning

Jodi Rano gave the theme for the Award Banquet meeting at Marco Island. MARDI GRAS

New Business

FUCC Key Largo meeting promising to be very interesting and informative with the latest on the Federal Stimulus Package. Stimulus package - concerns with possibility that construction may suffer if utility coordination is not addressed.

Motion to adjourn.by Vince Necarus FPNL. Meeting adjourned.