

**Spring Meeting April 30 – May 2, 2014  
Cape Canaveral, Florida**



**Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee**

Coordination through Cooperation

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**Radisson at The Port, Cape Canaveral, Florida  
(a total of 103 paid registrations were received for this conference)**

**Chairman**  
Vinnie LaVallette

**Vice Chairman**  
Bryan Lantz

**Secretary**  
Kris Hayes

**Historian**  
Chris McLaughlin

**FUCC MORNING SESSION**

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Industry/Agency Meetings

8:00-12:00 pm

- **FPL Coordinator Meeting**  
*Chaired by Dave Kuhlman*

8:00-10:30 am

- **CenturyLink Meeting**  
*Chaired by Greg Schmid*
- **Utility Coordination Certification**  
*Chaired by Dennis La Belle*

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### Industry/Agency Meetings (Cont'd)

10:30 -12:00 pm

- **Sound Wall**

*Chaired by Chad Swails*

Meeting cancelled by chair.

- **Design Build**

*Chaired by Vinnie LaVallette and Tom Lindsay*

Vinnie led a discussion of the “triangle” agreement that exists between the design-build team (designers/contractors), the utility, and FDOT. The terms and conditions of the agreement were discussed as well as State Statutes. Also discussed were notifications and relocation by utilities within prescribed time frame. Other topics addressed in this meeting include: Code of Federal Regulation, request for proposal, memorandum of understanding, scope of work, relocation agreements between FDOT and utilities based on conceptual plans vs reimbursable work resulting from additional costs incurred by utilities due to shift in design, dependent activities on the utility work schedule, and responsibilities/function of the project Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI).

- **Permitting Meeting**

*Chaired by Jan Ash/Adam Padgett*

### FUCC AFTERNOON SESSION

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

### FUCC Educational Workshop

1:30 – 5:00 pm

FUCC Chair Vinnie LaVallette reminded those present that April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Vinnie provided some sobering statistics and a personal case study involving her teenage daughter who narrowly escaped being killed by a distracted driver.

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FUCC Educational Workshop (cont'd)

Jan Ash and Adam Padgett introduced the Afternoon Educational Workshop presenters

E-Permits “Utility Permitting Process”, *Presented by Dale Cook, FDOT Central Office*

Dale provided an overview of FDOT’s O.S.P. (One Stop Permitting). Dale reviewed the entire O.S.P. process from set-up, filling in the required fields of the permit, electronic submission, how requests for additional information are handled, and how an approved/denied permit is conveyed by FDOT.

“Environmental Resource Permitting for Utilities”, *Presented by Lisa L. Prather, FDEP*

*Note: Lisa indicated that she would forward her presentation to Dennis LaBelle for inclusion on FUCC’s website.*

“Statewide Environmental Resource Permitting”, *Presented by Cammie Dewey, P.E., St. John’s WMD*

“US Army Corps of Engineers”, *Presented by Jeff Collins, Senior Project Mgr. Cocoa Regulatory Section*

“SFWMD Right-of-Way Permitting & Ecological Considerations for Utility Projects”, *Presented by Mary McRae James*

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**FUCC MORNING SESSION**

Thursday, May, 1, 2014

8:00- 8:30 am

**FUCC SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- **Nominations/Awards Committee**

*Chaired by Joe Sanchez*

- **Banquet Planning Committee**

*Chaired by Jodie Rano*

8:30- 9:30 am

- **UAM Standard Review**

*Chaired by Bryan Lantz*

Reviewed and discussed the newest iteration of the 20XX UAM. In addition, there was a discussion of MUTCD vs Standard 600 series maintenance of traffic indexes.

- **Joint Use Committee**

*Chaired by Helen Duncan*

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9:30-11:30 am

### FUCC INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

- **Power Interest Group**  
*Chaired by Varlam Molina/Jordan Cook*
- **Underground Interest Group**  
*Chaired by Angie Preston*
- **Telecommunication Interest Group**  
*Chaired by Michael Monday/Bill Case*

### FUCC Sponsored Luncheon

### FUCC AFTERNOON SESSION

Thursday, May 1, 2014

1:00 -1:45 pm

#### **FDOT Forum**

*Chaired by Tom Bane, Gordon Wheeler, and Dale Cook from FDOT Central Office*

The DUA's from the following FDOT districts were present:

- District 2
- District 7
- District 1
- District 5
- Turnpike

#### Discussion Issues

- FDOT One Stop Permitting (OSP)
- Design-Build "Push Button" quick turn projects

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**Combined Interest Group Meeting**

1:45 - 4:30 pm

**“Right-of-Way Fundamentals”**, *Presented by Ronald Crews, Asst. District RW Manager, FDOT D7*

**“Mast Arm Design & Construction”**, *Presented by Ryan Baderschneider, P.E. Comprehensive Engineering Services*

**“All Aboard Florida Passenger Train-Utility Conflicts”**, *Presented by Jose M. Gonzalez, Senior VP-Corp Development Florida East Coast Industries*

4:00- 6:00 pm

**FUCC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING – Bryan Lantz**

Twelve (12) members in attendance

Old Business:

- Vince still considering the purchase of Quick Books program
- A discussion and review of FUCC’s 501-C status and need to consult with tax attorney/accountant
- Confirmed that FUCC is in good standing with tax exempt status
- Committee intends to make TECO Peoples Gas whole as it relates to their Emeritus status that was not previously acknowledged

New Business:

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### FUCC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (Cont'd)

- A decision to made to provide suggested edits to Chris McLaughlin within three weeks following Spring FUCC meeting regarding Officer Duties & Responsibilities (Appendix to FUCC's Bylaws)
- A decision was made to shift the Steering Committee meetings from Thursday evening to Wednesday evening at future FUCC quarterly meetings
- Acknowledged isolated cases of possible abuse of registration discount
- Appeal from SSOCOF for FUCC to utilize new logo for future publications and web presence
- Motion passed to have FUCC Chair Vinnie LaVallette draft a formal letter to District 3 Liaison group to discontinue using FUCC's logo (cease and desist letter)

New Business:

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Vince Montgomery-1<sup>st</sup> and Silas Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>

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**FUCC BUSINESS MEETING**

Friday, May 2, 2014

Chairman Vinnie LaVallette called the FUCC Business Meeting to order shortly after 8:00 am. Next, Vinnie welcomed everyone and gave her opening remarks. The chairman then proceeded with the invocation which was given by Mr. Dave Kuhlman which was followed by a tribute to the flag.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT – Kris Hayes**

The chairman then requested the Secretary to read the previous meeting minutes. There was a motion by Cathy Thrash which was seconded by Chris McLaughlin that the reading of the complete minutes be waived. Motion Passed.

**Historian Report** – Chris McLaughlin reported that he recently acquired the FUCC minute archives from Tom Dugger. Chris read excerpts of minutes from two past FUCC meetings.

**Sunshine 811 Report**



**REPORT TO THE FUCC- Cheryl Ritter and Cathy Thrash**



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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

Central Office – Tom Bane

Tom discussed FDOT's One Stop Permitting (O.S.P.) and appealed to the group to begin submitting their permits electronically. Tom indicated that paper permit submissions are redundant and are typically resulting in more lengthy approvals.

Tom also discussed the recent creation and function of MPE's (Maintenance Permits Engineer) which will be present at each FDOT district.

DUA's present and provided reports from the following districts:

- District 1
- District 2
- District 7
- Turnpike

## FUCC INTEREST GROUP Committee Reports

### Power Interest Group

*Chairman – Varlam Molina*

### Underground Interest Group

*Chairman – Joe Sanchez*

### Telecommunications Interest Group

*Chairman – Bill Case*

Following the reports, the Secretary reminded the chairs of the respective committees to forward a copy of their meeting minutes to him at their earliest convenience.

**Break**

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**FUCC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Steering Committee** – Bryan Lantz

**UAM/Standards Review** – Bryan Lantz

**Joint Use** – No one present to report.

**Permitting**-Adam Padgett

**Design/Build**-Vinnie LaVallette

**Sound Walls**- No one present to report.

**By-Laws Review**-Chris McLaughlin

**UCC/Program Planning**-Dennis LaBelle

**Conference Planning**-Dennis LaBelle

**E-Business/Web Page**-John Murphy

**Membership**- No one present to report.

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**Treasurer's Report**-Vince Montgomery.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**Adjournment**

Chairman's closing message- Vinnie LaVallette. A motion was made for adjournment by Marilyn Pineau which was seconded by Varlam Molina.

# FUCC Power Interest Group

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*May 1, 2014, Cape Canaveral, FL (Salon II Conference Room) 34 attendees*

## Summary

At the Power Interest Group we had 34 in attendance at the Salon II room. We reviewed the Buy America letter and asked members to let us know if they did not have a copy of the letter. It appeared that all had a copy. Next we invited Mr. Greg Coker, FPL to present and have a pre-discussion of the Mast Arm removal. Then, Ms. LaVallette presented the ongoing issue with Relocation Agreements. Lastly, we had a discussion with the group for topics to discuss in later meetings and ideas for the summer educational topics. We emphasized the need to bring forth topics of discussion for the next meeting and future meetings. The meeting lasted an hour and half.

## Buy America Review

Reviewed the Buy America letter and asked members to let us know if they did not have a copy of the letter. It appeared that all had a copy.

## Mast Arm Design Panel Review

Mr. Coker, FPL, presented two issues that would be discussed at the afternoon session.

1. The first is related to an OSHA rule and table that sets provisions for certain narrow scope work done near energized lines that allows for qualified personnel to approach such lines for distances closer than 10 feet. Mr. Swails and others presented their concern with offering the contractor an interpretation of an OSHA rule and the possible liabilities associated with it. One benefit the utility sees is that it reduces the need to take line sections out of service and all the switching and MOT requirements associated with it. The contractors will benefit by not having to wait on utilities to perform routinary narrow scope work.
2. There is a requirement for mast arm jobs that require the contractor to perform deep shaft removal. This requirement fails to recognize conflicts with existing utility facilities, including DOT and other governmental facilities, in the path of the deep shaft removal. Through negotiations, though difficult in part by DOT employees, provisions were granted for narrow shaft removal.

Although other participants did not express having a difficulty with this issue, it was expressed that it will be for others in the future and needs to be addressed early in the design. All were encouraged to provide feedback for this and the afternoons discussion to [Mr. Coker](#), [Mr. Molina](#), and/or [Mr. Cook](#).

## Design Build Utility Agreement

Ms. Vinnie LaVallette presented what the DB sub-committee is addressing. DOT used to have a utility relocation agreement used on their design jobs. Since going to Design Build projects, each project gets its own agreement handled by each DB firm and the utility. The DB sub-committee presented FDOT with a request to have a standardized form drafted so that all DB teams and utilities can follow. This request was denied. Now the DB sub-committee tasked itself with coming up with the standardized form (taken from another state already using one) to present to the group in August. We are inviting utilities to give feedback to [Ms. LaVallette](#).

## Power Interest Group Topics

1. We reminded the group that the PIG was a forum to bring forth ideas and difficulties related to the power utility and relocation. We asked the group to bring up topics to discuss at the next meeting.
  - a. Street light installation on mast arms and conflicts with utilities.
  - b. LCEC issue with City of Cape Coral related to relocation expenses for utilities within platted utility easements.
2. We asked the group about topics that they would like to present at the summer educational workshop.
  - a. NESC vs. NEC vs. OSHA as it relates to electric utility
  - b. Have consultant on street light, photometric design, for cities, counties, state, present design criteria, process, and construction requirements.
  - c. Design of Transmission and or Distribution lines and what it involves; NESC, NERC, etc.
3. We presented to the group the upcoming election of the chair and vice-chair. Asked that those who would volunteer be intimately involved with relocation work so he/she can take the lead with coordinating issues/topics to discuss with the group. Next election will be held at the August meeting in Marco Island.

## Q&A

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FUCC Underground Interest Group  
Number of attendees: 18

Angie Preston kicked off the meeting

Kathy Thrash: discussed the upcoming South Florida Roundtable and mentioned to the group that they will be having roundtables in the Central Florida area soon. She also discussed the upcoming 811Golf Tournament in Lake Mary May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014.

Kathy announced that the Sunshine 811 Safety Matters course is CEU certified by Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB).

May 10<sup>th</sup> through May 12<sup>th</sup> is the CGA Excavation Safety Conference at the Rosen Shingle Resort in Orlando.

Cheryl did a safe digging month (April) recap. Sunshine 811 wants to know what companies participated in the promotion of the effort. Please let her know. For Safe Digging Month over 200 banners were distributed. Web analytics showed a 13% increase. The safe digging month part of the website had great showing. They also released a Plumber Beware story regarding cross bores. There were over 700 views of this story.

Dee Macdonald discussed design tickets. PGS prefers design tickets to be called in as design tickets as opposed to dig tickets. She discussed PGS' process and passed out an example of what PGS sends out with the map. The group also discussed the ticket entry process and the lack of ease in changing the contract information on the ticket.

The group suggested for Marco Island that Sunshine 811's Bill Heath do a presentation on entering of tickets. He could also discuss the upcoming changes to the ticket management system.

Joe Sanchez mentioned an article in the Underground Construction April edition Model based Depline Utility Survey.. Optimal Ranging inc. Geospacing Utility Survey Equipment. Survey of deep utilities. Send a signal to the utility that will accurately locate 60 foot drill and produces a 3D image of the facility.

## Permitting Subcommittee Minutes, May 1, 2014

The meeting was commenced by Chairman Adam Padgett and co-chair Jan Ash  
There were 16 in attendance.

The following topics were discussed:

- FDOT E- Permitting, OSP
  - Experiences and issues with the new OSP system.
  - Dale Cook, FDOT Central Office, provided some details and answered questions about OSP.
- Discussed different types of platforms used for e-permitting such as Envista.  
Excella
  - Envista is a coordination program to address different projects by different departments; it is not e-permitting.
  - Excella is an e-permitting software now used by City of Marco Island and is going to be used by the City of Tampa and Hillsborough County.
- Discussion on Utility notifications documentation required by FDOT permitting and the amount of work required by the UAO to respond to these. It was discussed and a motion was set forth to bring it to the UAM subcommittee.
- Discussed certified as-builts and bore logs required by the FDOT as required by section 555.5 &.6 of the FDOT plans preparation manual.

## Minutes from Joint Use Sub-committee

### FUCC Meeting

Meeting came to order at 8:00 a.m.

4 utility members, 1 communication company representative and 5 contractors were in attendance. Discussion continued on establishing Joint Use Best Practices, including the creation of several 57 minute videos.

Helen Duncan with Duke Energy showed a PowerPoint that is used internally by Duke to inform line and construction personnel about Joint Use. This included pole structural analysis, stub pole removal and NESC clearances. This presentation generated discussion about communication within a company, communication with customers, defining who is a customer, their needs and how they want to be contacted, as well as safety.

Barry Owens with SECO provided a hand-out listing the Best Practices determined at our last meeting in Ocala. These include:

- Pre-planning and communication
- Permitting process
- Pole change outs and transfers
- Audits

A vote was taken to determine if the Joint Use subcommittee should continue working on the idea of Best Practice videos. The vote was unanimous to continue. Helen Duncan, sub-committee chairperson, will arrange a conference call with interested members on the first topic – Pre-planning and communication. Names were offered for those who should participate but were not available to attend this meeting in person.

Davey Resource Group has offered to facilitate the creation of the videos and anticipate this being a 6-month project once the filming begins.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.



### SAVE THE DATE

- **May 22, 2014:** Sunshine 811 Annual Meeting, DeBary.
- **May 23, 2014:** Sunshine 811 Golf Tournament.
- **March 10-12, 2015:** CGA Excavation Safety Conference & Expo, Rosen Shingle Resort, Orlando, FL.
- **March 12, 2015:** FREE Safety Day from Sunshine 811. Rosen Shingle Resort in Orlando.

### Upcoming Roundtable!

**May 7** – Miami *Be part of the solution!*

### APRIL WAS SAFE DIGGING MONTH!



...and Gov. Scott declared it! Thank you for getting the word out. Thus far, we've had great success! Radio and TV interviews...lots of social media shares/retweets...and more than 80,000 digs and 10,000 users on the "Can you dig it" game. We appreciate everyone who promoted the "Call 811 before you dig" safety message to co-workers, neighbors, friends and family. Send pictures of your promotion to [communications@sunshine811.com](mailto:communications@sunshine811.com)! We'll feature them on our

Facebook page: <http://facebook.com/sunshine811>.

### GET YOUR GAME ON AT TIMACUAN



Golf with us May 23 and get a shot at hole-in-one cash prizes of \$500 and \$10,000. Great door prizes! Sponsorships range from \$150 to \$190 and include one player. Golf only is \$65 per golfer. Visit <http://sunshine811.com> and click on the Golf Tournament button. Thank you to our sponsors: Arena Advertising, Bright House, Cardno TBE, Florida Gas Transmission, Gulfstream Natural Gas Systems, MacDriller, S & N Communications, Tracer Electronics, USIC Locating Services. There's room for more. Sponsor today!

### NO BULL RODEO CHALLENGE



Utilities! Enter your locators in Sunshine 811's No Bull Rodeo Challenge. Your locator could be one of eight representing Florida at the International Utility Locate Rodeo August 7-9, 2014 in Emory, GA. Locators must have impeccable utility locating skills. Two representatives will be selected to compete in each section: power, communications, gas and water. No Bull Rodeo Challenge information will be posted at [sunshine811.com](http://sunshine811.com). **Deadline for applications is June 2, 2014.**

### SAFETY MATTERS OFFERS ONE CEU

This CEU course is provided by Sunshine 811. It offers one free continuing education unit toward your contractor's license as approved by the Construction Industry Licensing Board. Course # 0610048, Providership #004-0001110. Visit <http://ceu.sunshine811.com>.

### CALL CENTER STATISTICS

- Incoming ticket volume for March 2014 increased 13%, up 9% for the fiscal year-to-date and up 8% from last month.
- Outgoing (billable) transmission volume for March was up 12% from March of last year, up 8% for the fiscal year-to-date, and up 8% from last month.
- Positive response 3F (Unmarked – Marking delay requested by locate technician and agreed to by excavator per agreement) code totaled 14,832 (2% late) and 157,200 (3% late) for fiscal year-to-date.
- Incoming phone calls increased 7.2%.
- Incoming ticket volume for March 2014 was approximately 64% ITE and 36% phone and 67% ITE and 33% phone for fiscal year-to-date.

#### FIND US ON:



# Working on 7E Credits

UCC

Planning a series of training classes in the Jax Area

They want all 5 classes within a year

Tentative Schedule

- [ June/July - Module 1 & 4
- [ Aug/Sept - Module 2
- [ Oct/Nov - Module 3 & 5

Training  
LA 8/12

Classes Given on consecutive days

Mod 1 - Day 1  
Mod 4 - Day 2

~~Conference~~ Planning  
Program

2014

Need topics of interest for future presentations & workshops

What do you want to know more about?

# FUCC Telecommunication Interest Group Meeting

## May 1, 2014

Bill Case called the meeting to order at 9:35am, there were 28 people in attendance. The meeting was opened by having everyone introduce themselves and give a small description of their present job duties and number of years in the business.

### **Education Seminar for Marco Meeting:**

Discussed several topics for presentation for the summer meeting:

Cloud presentation by CenturyLink of FBI Agent/US Marshall for Cyber Security

Presentation for Marco is scheduled for Aug.6. 1.5 hrs needed for presentation followed by Q& A session

Joint Participation planning for UAO's on roadway projects

Wireless Design

Utility Relocation

Discussed the importance of keeping presenters on time and duration of presentation needs to be sufficient (1.5 – 2 hrs) so that presenter has the required time necessary. Discussed that presenters will carry the afternoon session instead of the morning session in lieu of Telecom Interest Group.

### **Old Business:**

Buy America and the issues with UAO's to be in compliance and knowing what their vendors need to be doing in order to prepare for this legislation. Talked about the need for UAO's to be notified in advance for projects that get moved within the five-year work program so that budgets can be adjusted. Bryn Lantz mentioned that the Buy America California DOT (CDOT) entities are being driven from the FHWA and that no funds will be given if not using Buy America Products. Nationwide eligibility for reimbursement has to be in compliance with the local UAO's and FHWA.

### **Open Discussion:**

Tom Bane mentioned that the 2014 UAM is getting aimed towards roadway contracts post the "2014 UAM Ref. 555-6. FDOT submittals for master contract have to be in job specific organized. Fine tuning the UAM to create some new verbiage could possibly be implemented moving forward.

### **New Business:**

Local FDOT maintenance offices not accepting electronic permitting, still requesting hard plans copies and some other local offices are accepting electronic plan sets. All FDOT offices need to start accepting universal electronic submittals as well as paper submittals. Electronic permitting

has to be authorized by contractor or the companies who has entered it in and will have to close out the permit as well. Bores logs need to be attached in only PDF format added with the plans for a full close out. Using GPS (survey certified) can be used with support of bore logs for an e permit (Fla. sta. 483.01)

Permit inspectors requiring densities testing after open trench work and the varying requirements regarding sod replacement. Henry Bowlin suggested taking photos and video before starting any open trench work.

Discussion about design build projects and they UAO's being respectful of keeping their discussions with the competing DB firms during the RFI process.

We will have a follow up discussion in Marco with how the "one stop permitting" is being used and its cloud service can be time saving.

Vinnie Lavallette discussed the use of using a generic MSA design template (DB projects) for all users to share. This will help out with the delay of projects from starting and where and when the contractor would like to start.

Thanked all for coming to the meeting and called for adjournment at 11:35 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bill Case Chairman

cc Michael Monday