

Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee

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Coordination through Cooperation

Coordination, Cooperation, Communication & Commitment

Howie In The Hills

Chairman	Vice Chairman	Secretary	Chairman Historian
Kris Hayes	Jodi Rano	Robb Brown	Chris McLaughlin

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Banquet Planning

Chaired by Jeanna Dean

FPL Coordinator Meeting

Chaired by David Kuhlman - Greg Coker filed in David's Absence

CenturyLink

Chaired by Greg Schmid

10:00 –11:00am Standing Subcommittee Meeting and FUCC Announcements

• Chairman Chris Hayes opened with a welcome message, sponsor appreciation and introductions. The first order of outstanding business that had to be addressed was the current vacant Board (secretary) position. Chairman Hays opened the floor for any volunteers. With no one coming forward, Robb Brown was asked after showing interest at the Marco Island Meeting and accepted the "opportunity" as stated by Chairman Hays. The Members were asked to verbally vote and approved with no opposition.

Program Planning, Chaired by FUCC Officers - No Report

Awards/Nominations, Chaired by Brian Lantz

o Nominations were asked from the attending members.

o As suggest from the audience was made to consider a "Lifetime Member Award" Vice Chair Jodi Rano said that she will bring this to the Steering Committee for consideration.

Membership/Promotions, Chaired by Jeanna Dean

- Updating the current contact list.
- o Updating member information on the new website.

Conference Planning, Chaired by Lori McLaughlin

- o 2016 Spring conference will be in Ocala April 6-8.
- 2016 Summer conference will be in Naples August 3-, this was changed for 2016 due to Marco Islands escalating cost and major renovations at the time of the conference. Lori said that the Naples location has provided several incentives to attract us and that 2017 location will be evaluated after the Summer 2016 conference.

UCC Certification, Chaired by Vinnie Lavallette and Chris Hayes

- A discussion n trying to get both instructors and venues was held. The value of the training was agreed by all and Chairman Hayes asked for those interested in the training and those in need for additional modals to be patent. We understand the importance and are working diligently to get it back on schedule.
- P.E certification for both the training and the conference was discussed as well and several ideas were presented. Vice Chair Rano will be working to see if we can get this as an option in the future.

11:00am –11:30pm "Industry Specific Engineering Plans & Symbols (Power)" Presented by Varlam Molina from Lee County Cooperative – His presentation is available on our web site.

1:00 –2:30pm FUCC Interest Group Meetings

Power Interest Group – No Minutes Submitted

Chaired by George Beck-FP&L & Co-Chair, Rick Wood – Nationwide R/W

At the Power Interest Group we had 45 in attendance and discussed the following.

- ROW Issues
- Utility Conflicts and a list for Cities and Counties to submit plans.
- o Topics for the Power Interest Group to present at the Spring Conference.

Underground Interest Group

Chaired by Chris Stermer, Cardno – Co-Chair by Nathan Beals, Collier County

A total of 14 were in attendance (5 utility members, 5 consultants, 1 Sunshine 811, and 3 FDOT) were in attendance.

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Chris Stermer, Cardno, Chairman

The following was discussed

 Tracer Wire presentation, Toneable - "Minimum Price with Maximum Reward" Tomorrow. Erik Brueningsen & Chris Stermer Presenting. Recommendations at the end of the presentation to be given on November 5th need to be approved be consensus of this group. The recommended suggestions to the FUCC are:

- Support an effort to require by permit, all new facilities be traceable from the surface with standard line locating equipment (within all State, County and Local Agency Right-of-Way).
- Support an effort to require by permit, all new facilities be tested to ensure all facilities are traceable prior to releasing permits (all Agency Right-of-Way)
- Support through CGA and 811, an educational effort to encourage Utility Owners to require in their design specifications their facilities be traceable.
- Support through CGA and 811, an educational effort to encourage Utility Owners to require their facilities be tested to ensure their facilities are traceable prior to final payment and final acceptance.
- 2. New Line Styles. Include Quality level indications within the line work. The letter after the line type designation (BT, G, BFO, etc....) represents the quality level of that line A, B, C, D.
- 3. Sunshine 811
 - A.) Enhancements to IRTH System (Multiple browsers supported, Java Maps compatible)
 - B.) Mobile Ready pages on web site
 - C.) Can now submit single address ticket
 - D.) Locator can now make comments on tickets (Online only)
- 4. Coordination & Communication are paramount. Anything the FUCC can do to further this? Ideas?

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM

Telecommunication Interest Group – No Minutes Submitted Chaired by David Summers – Atkins, Co-Chair Henry Bowlin - CentryLink

A total of 17 were in attendance and discussed the following:

- Phone Providers wanting to use exiting poles
- Marking plans and permitting

2:45 –3:45pm FUCC Subcommittee Meetings

Joint Use Group - No Minutes Submitted

Chaired by Scott Freeburn – Duke Energy Absent from the conference, FUCC Co-Chain Jodi Rano filled in Scotts Absence with the assistance from Barry Owens - SECO

A total of 8 were in attendance and discussed the following:

- Barry Owens agreed to Co-Chair the Joint Use Group for 2016
- Discussion on a video presented 2 meetings ago.
- Wireless providors and pole attachments
- Another utility installing in someone elses existing conduit bank and the conduit owner finding this without any notice.
- NJENS notifications

Permitting – No Minutes Submitted

Chaired by Jan Ash, The Ash Group, Bill Case- Ask Group filled in Jan's absence

A total of 13 were in attendance and discussed the following:

- OSP what works and what does not work
- OSP not allowing MOT to be uploading
- UAO's working on previously permitted facilities
- MOT certification

Design Build – No Minutes Submitted

Chaired by Vinnie Lavallette, Cardno, Co-Chair by Fred Valdez - Verizon

A total of 14 were in attendance and discussed the following:

- RFP Language & the job of the Utility Coordinator
- What happens on Design Build projects
- UWS's
- 811 Tickets
- Agreements and when they get executed
- Utility is NOT a sub-contractor to the road contractor
- The differences with P3 projects and Permits on these types of projects

FUCC Mast Arm Conflict Avoidance Task Team – No Minutes Submitted Chaired by David Kuhlman – Greg Coker filed in David's Absence

A total of 31 were in attendance and discussed the following:

• Group discussion and commend ground solutions

4:00 –5:00pm Combined Interest Group & Subcommittee Overview

- -Roundtable opportunity to discuss issues common to all Interests
- -Interest Group and Subcommittee Chairs are required to attend
- -Open to all FUCC members

5:00pm Steering Committee Meeting

A total of nine (9) people were in attendance.

- UCC status and direction Vinnie L. expressed concern with where the master files for the 5
 Modules are. She stated we need to regroup and find an overall UCC Champion and a
 Champion/Instructor for each Module and a potential back up person. Module #2 & #5 seem to
 be the most requested right now. Vinnie is going to reach out to Dennis LaBelle on obtaining a
 copy of each module.
 - > Nathan Beals with Collier County offered the County facilities for UCC modules
 - > Erik Brueningsen with Wantman Group offered to teach a module.
- FDOT participation at future meetings: It was announced the Summer Meeting will be held at the
 Hilton Naples, 5111 Tamiami trail North, Naples, FL. Tom is still committed to 2 meetings a year.
 There is a potential to have FDOT participation at all 3 meetings. Not all DUE/DUAs and/or
 maintenance personnel will attend the same meeting.

- CSX/Railroad New Online System option. Jodi will reach out to Dave Elder or Rene Kurth, CSX on potential future presentation.
- PE credits Sarah Matin stated the State has become more stringent on issuing CE provider credentials. She suggested piggy backing on ASCE, FES for classes. UC Synergetic is also a CE provider. Jodi to follow-up with Mike Shad, UC Synergetic.
- Quick Books Update Sandra P. purchased Quick Books after the 2015 Summer meeting and has loaded all information for 2015.
- Audit FUCC will be request The Ash Group to perform an audit after for 2015
- BOA Update Sandra P. and Brian Dean are authorized to sign FUCC checks. FUCC has a debit card. And a credit card reader which works on your cell phone or tablet.
- Constant Contacts- Several lists exist and working to get the list updated and compares the different list to compile into one list while identifying active members.
- Sponsorship- The list of sponsors and there donations have been updated. We had some sponsors that were not paying that have been satisfied now that we have the billing to the sponsors resolved. We are always in need of additional sponsors. Sponsors help offset the conference cost to the members. Sandra P. to invoice GAI & Cardno.
- In-coming FUCC Secretary (4 year commitment) Robb Brown, Duke Energy was voted in by membership for the 2015/2016 year.
- Conference Fees- Consideration needs to be taken to raise the fee. A discussion of what the reserve needs to be in the bank to help conference cost if we happen to have low attendance with folks that plan to pay at the door and not show up to attend. Consider raising \$75 conference fee to \$100 No increase at this time.
- Career Connection Page on Web Site- It was agreed to mention this to the members, but if we
 don't have participation then we will have it removed. Jan Ash "add job postings to FUCC
 website (w/legal disclaimer) This is still available on the website. Members are encouraged to
 send a link to be posted for current open positions.
- Round Table Discussion- Vinnie asked if the Interest Groups should be chaired by Utility Representatives. The by-laws allow for others to chair these but agreed that we need to encourage UAO's to chair most of the interest groups.
 - Motion To close on-line registration by the close of business the Friday before the conference. Motion by Chris McLaughlin, Second by Nathen Beals – Passed my Majority Vote
 - Motion Past and future Malcom Yancy award winners to have the registration fees waved. Motion by Brian Dean, Second by Sandra Panos – Passed by Majority Vote
 - Motion Removal from the web-site registration section to remove the ability to pre-pay for future conferences. Motion by Bruce Herrington, Second by Chad Swales – Passed by Majority Vote
 - Motion Eliminate the current prepay registrations back as far as 2013. Contact to the members on the list will be contacted to let them know that if they don't use the credit at

the next conference then it will be lost. Motion by Bruce Herrington, Second by Chad Swales – Passed by Majority Vote

Motion to Adjourn – Jodi Rano, 2nd Sandra Panos

Thursday, August 5, 2015

7:45am -Registration

8:30 –9:30am Underground Intrest Goup Presentation

"Toneable-Minimum Price with Maximum Reward"

- Chris Stermer, Cardno & Erik Brueningsen, WGI --Presentation is available on website--

9:30-10:00am - Traffic Signal Mast Arm Conflict Avoidance

"A Cooperative Approach to Resolve the Issue" - Presented Greg Coker filed in David Kuhlman's Absence

10:15-11:30am – "Wetlands and Gopher Tortoise Permitting" - Presented by Art Wade, Chastain Skillman

- 1:00-1:15pm **FUCC Announcements-** FUCC Chairman Chris Hays
- "I-4 Ultimate Improvement Project"- Presented by Loreen Bobo, PE, FDOT Construction 1:15-2:00pm

Program Manager - http://i4ultimate.com

2:00-2:45pm "1-75 (SR 93) at University Parkway Interchange

(Diverging Diamond Interchange Project) - Presented by Kevin Ingle PE, FDOT District 1

Major Construction Project Manager

2:45-4:30pm FDOT Forum - DUE/DUA & FDOT Personnel- District Utility Administrators/Engineers Q&A panel

> *Tom Bayne – Overview of FDOT's Electronic Based Coordination Reporting and Proposed **UAM Update**

- Tom opened with an update of the proposed changes to A.C. 14-46 (UAM) and the next scheduled workshop Friday November 13, 2015 at the Turnpike office in Ocoee Florida.
- o Member discussion with the current RGB process was held.
- Design Build project and process discussion was held
- Additional UAM discussions on the proposed language changes
- The Department asked if any UAO's were having any current issues with the Department.

Friday, August 6, 2015

FUCC Business Meeting

9:00am FUCC Business Meeting

Opening Invocation & Tribute to Flag

Chairman Chris Hays called the FUCC Business Meeting to order shortly after 9:00 am. The chairman introduced himself and the other FUCC officers. Next, Chris welcomed everyone, recognized the importance of our sponsors and gave opening remarks. A special thanks was given to all the hard work and excellent job Lori McLaughlin has done with our conference planning. The chairman then proceeded with the invocation given by Robb Brown and the tribute to the flag.

Reading of the Minutes – Robb Brown

The chairman then requested the Secretary to read the previous meeting minutes. Vice Chair Jodi Rano spared the group from the agency of hearing the minutes being read and made a motion to approve the minutes as posted on the web-site. And seconded by Sandra Pano that the reading of the complete minutes be waived. Motion Passed.

Historian's Report - Chris McLaughlin

(Chris wearing an Abraham Lincoln costume) This Howey-In-The-Hills Address is dedicated to Arlene Brown, a TECO employee for 42 years and I believe may have cast a ballor for me in my first term as President <wink!>.

Six score and eleven years ago our founders brought forth on this State, a new Committee, conceived in the spirit of cooperation, and dedicated to the proposition that all utilities are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil discussion, testing whether that Committee, or any Committee so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great meeting site of that discussion. We have come to dedicate a portion of our time and efforts, so we may save many others their time and efforts. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate – we cannot consecrate – we cannot hallow – our time and efforts. The brave men and women, working and retired, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The FDOT will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what we do here. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us – that from our honored accomplishments we take increased devotion to that cause for which others have given the last full measure of devotion – that we here highly resolve that these retired folks shall not have retired in vain – that this Committee, under Kris Hayes, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that COORDINATION THROUGH COOPERATION shall not perish from the earth.

I wanted to recognize another tall, wise, and lanky guy like me – Art Gilmore – and thank him for passing along an undated document of huge significance to the State of Florida Utility Liaison Structure. I plan to have this document uploaded to the FUCC website as a reminder to how important Local Utility Groups and Liaison Committees are to our industry.

75 years ago:

November 8, 1940, Daytona Beach, Florida (according to the August 1940 minutes). There was no carry-over business from previous meetings per the February 1941 minutes and we have no November 1940 minutes in our archives.

50 years ago:

November 12, 1965, Thunderbird Motor Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida Chairman W. V. Bottorff of Gulf Telephone Company presiding 26 people in attendance

9 Power

8 Telephone

2 State Road Department

1 each from Florida Public Services Commission, Gas, retired, consultant, and the cities of Tampa, Orlando, & Jacksonville.

Topics discussed:

- The meeting opened with a report Local Groups of Tampa, St. Petersburg, Orlando and Jacksonville. The Chairman requested a representative of each Local Group be present at all FUCC meetings and emphasized the need to establish more Local Groups around the state.
- The Chairman read the minutes of November 6, 1936 (the oldest minutes in the Historian's archives and the minutes where the first By-Laws were adopted and fashioned after South Carolina UCC's By-Laws which remain substantially the same today). Mr. Wilkins Linhart, then with the Florida Public Services Commission, was the only remaining active charter member after 29 years, when he was with the Florida Railroad Commission.
- A presentation by AT&T was made on the proposed underground co-axial cable installation along the Turnpike that will connect Georgia to Miami.
- The sub-committee for the Utilities Accommodation Guide stressed that the Guide should remain a guide and any attempt by the State Road Department to make it a policy would be opposed.
- The remaining Minutes of the meeting are missing from the archives.

25 years ago:

November 3, 1990, West Palm Beach, Florida

Chairman Tom Duggar presiding

82 people in attendance

18 Power

14 FDOT

11 Telephone

8 Cable TV

7 Consultants

4 Gas

4 City of Orlando

3 Pinellas County

2 UNCLE/Call Candy one-call systems

2 City of Jacksonville

2 City of Lakeland

1 each City of Tampa, City of Clearwater, City of Tallahassee, Imperial Polk County, City of Titusville, Ft Pierce Utility Authority, City of St. Petersburg

Current members WHO SIGNED IN back then were:

Secretary Mark Sweet – Florida Power Corp.

Walt Childs - FDOT

Dennis Black - Paragon Cable

Marilyn Pineau – United Telephone Company of Florida

Art Gilmore – Florida Power Corp.

Betsy Becker – Telesat Cablevision Arlene Brown McGee – Tampa Electric Topics discussed:

- Historian's Report was given by Bill Garrett they couldn't find the 50 year minutes either! A continuation of the members who were in attendance at the 1965 meeting, only one remained in 1990 Mr. E.M. Salley. Let's play 7 *Degrees of Kevin Bacon*: Who knew Mr. Salley? If you did, then you knew a guy who knew a guy who was present at the Charter meeting of FUCC in 1936!
- Treasurer's Report \$967.05, registration \$5.
- FDOT Update by Paul Kaczorowski (still can't pronounce it), who addressed 5 items. UAG, the 7 Seminars, Use of reflective cones at night by utilities (acceptable at the time), Training for safer work zones, and waiver of that pesky corporate seal issue.
- Mr. Reginald Bell from the City of Titusville discussed his city's traffic safety training program and the City was sharing with other cities and utilities upon request.
- Mr. Tom Kennedy received 36 responses to the FUCC membership survey on a number of issues of the day.
- Speakers:
- Ron Worley from Florida Power Corporation presented on the state's "Rails to Trails" program and issues obtaining utility easements through DNR (now FDEP) taking 6 months to a year to obtain.
- Charles Nickerson from the FDOT Southeast Rail Corridor (now Tri-Rail) described his
 office, their management of the former CSX railway between West Palm Beach and
 Miami, and their abilities to assist utilities with easement requests and permits.
- o Michael Cheney from United Telephone Company addressed asbestos regulations and handling of Transite pipe.
- Telephone/Telecommunications Interest Group 23 attendees. Pole tagging and I.D. was discussed. Different methods of surveying existing facilities during the initial design stages of projects (forerunner of SUE) was talked about. Legislative action requiring reimbursement to utilities for relocation by parties other than right-of-way owners was also a topic.
- Power Interest Group 22 attendees. A presentation and riveting video was shown about reflective traffic cones. Mark Sweet complained about Bryan Lantz's company mounting large fixed equipment on their power poles. FDOT's issuance of driveway permits without notifying utilities was a new issue.
- Underground Interest Group 18 attendees. The new OSHA Trenching Safety Act and its additional liability concerns was presented. Further discussion followed on the abandonment of underground utilities within the right-of-way and the need for the FUCC to develop policy recommendations on this issue.
- Combination Interest Group for the first time a joint meeting of all Interest Groups was held the previous day and was well-attended. Chairman Duggar chaired this meeting and the Interest Group Chairs will rotate throughout the year to chair the other Combined Interest Group meetings.
- Chairman Tom Duggar brought two Steering Committee recommendations to the floor of the FUCC for a vote. One was to request a utility review period from FDOT about proposed driveway permits, and the other was to make recommendations to FDOT about utility abandonments and asbestos facilities in the right-of-way. Both motions passed.

Treasurer's Report – Sandra Panos

Beginning Balance as of 11/1/2015

Deposits (Sponsorship/Registration)	13,075.97		
Withdrawals (Expenses)	-1,645.02		
Checks (Conference/Planning Expenses)	<u>-15,776.35</u>		
Balance as of 11/09/2015	\$16,084.57		
NOTE: Information taking directly from Conference Treasures Report			

Business Session

Sunshine 811Report - Attached to Meeting Minutes

- New Online Locate Tickets for Anyone
- > Safety Matters Now As CEU!
- > Emergency Tickets Clarified
- 2016 Golf Tournament May 20, 2016
- > 2016 CGA Conference March 8-10 at the Mirage, Las Vegas
- Proposed Legislation changes to require Mandatory Damage Reporting by the UAO's

FDOT District Reports

District One

- ➤ Liaison Meeting scheduled for 12/1/2015
- > 201023-6 Is funded and scheduled let date is March 2017
- ➤ 403185-3 I-4 @ SR33 is in design but not funded for construction
- Local Utility Coordinating Groups are not as active as FDOT would like to see.

District Two

- > UCC's are meeting regularly
- ➤ Letting \$1.2 Billion in Projects
- ➤ I-95 & I-10 Interchange is Funded
- ➤ I-95 & I-295 Interchange is Funded
- > 3 Sections of US 301 & Stark is Funded
- ➤ I-10 & US 301 Interchange is Funded
- > SR 200 & A1A Resurfacing
- > SR 20 between Hawthorne and Interlock Funded for 2018
- > ST 15 Currently in Construction, FP&L has done a great job working with the FDOT on this project to keep it on schedule.

District Three - No Report

District Four

- We continue to provide our utility partners with our monthly production and letting scheduler for our 5 year work program.
- > The Department is funding an electronic utility coordination model that will assist with our continued effort to coordinate our construction plans through communication and corporation and will help document our commitments.
- > I-95 Managed Lanes (Broward County) is in design
- ➤ I-595 is completed
- > A new permit Engineer was announced.

District Five – No Report District Six – No Report

Turnpike (see handout for more project Info)

- ➤ 6 Design Build projects in construction
- > Sending out monthly updates and If you want on the e-mail list e-mail James.

Central Office - Tallahassee

➤ UAM is in Rule Making and a Rule Making Administrative Hearing is scheduled for November 13, 2015 at the Turnpike Office in Ocoee Florida.

Steering Committee Approved Motions for Membership Vote - NEED TO UPDATE FROM HERE

Steering Committee – Jodi Rano (Shown above)

Awards/Nominations – Vinnie Lavallette – Not in Attendance

• Brian Lantz will be contacting past winners for new nominations.

UAM/Standards Review – Bryan Lantz

• Just be prepared to provide feedback on the Proposed UAM changes.

Bylaws Review – Chris McLaughlin

- Some discussion on adding signature requirements for checks by the board. It
 was approved by the sub-committee at the summer meeting but never
 brought to the bylaws committee for discussion/approval. It was suggested
 that maybe it should be added to the Roles and Responsibilities document.
- Brian Lantz made a motion to require 2 board member signatures to all check. With some additional discussions Brian withdrew his motion and agreed to allow the Sub-committee look at this at the spring meeting.

Sound Wall - Chad Swails

No New Report

Railroad – Vacant

E- Business/Web Page – Lori McLaughlin

- Lori presented the new web page for FUCC and asked for industry pictures or photos of utility work to add.
- Jodi is working to get a new FUCC banner for the conference and promotions.
- There is a "Connections" Page which members can post open job positions. Please forward job postings directly to Lori McLaughlin or any FUCC Officer.
- Working on the updates for the website to include conference photos Robb Brown has taken at this conference.

Membership/Promotions – Jeanna Dean

- Jenna is working with both Brian and Jodi on updating the current members list.
- Plan to send conference information and website link to other organizations/agencies to promote their attendance.

Conference Planning – Lori McLaughlin

- All 2016 conference dates have been secured(look at webpage or in your booklet)
- Spring Meeting is April 6 8, 2016 and registration will open by the end of November.

UCC Certification - Vinnie Lavalette/Gene Lazano - Not in Attendance

• No new report (please refer to notes from sub-committee)

Program Planning – FUCC Officers

 Please provide any conference topics or speakers through the website or any FUCC Officer.

Banquet Planning – Jeanna Dean

- Some folks had concerns with the perception of the Casino theme and the committee is taking this type of thing into consideration.
- Working on a theme that will work for everyone.
- Brian Lantz praised the committee for what they did in Marco and said that he
 received no negative comments as past chair and said he saw everyone having
 a great time.

FUCC/TAC Mast Arm Conflict Task Force – David Kuhlman

• The problem is still here (please refer to the Power Interest Group notes)

New Business/Old Business

Arlene Brown – With heavy emotions Arlene said how proud and appreciated she was of what the FUCC does and asked for folks to get involved. Arlene has been a huge contributor to the FUCC for many years and she will be missed.Enjoy the retired life Arlene, RIDE ON......

It was mentioned that Google is coming to a town near you and that is may have a huge impact on our industry, specifically in the Utility Locate departments.

Adjournment

Brian Lantz made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Chad Swails 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:00.