



2026 FUCC Spring Conference Minutes

Submitted by FUCC Vice Chairperson Brian J. Dean
201 Attendees
Meeting held at the Hilton Ocala
April 8-10, 2026

Motions Presented and Approved by the Committee at Friday Business Meeting

No motions made to membership at Friday Business Meeting.

Motions Presented and Approved by the Steering Committee at the Wednesday Steering Committee meeting

1. Motion to charge guest half of whatever the per-person price is for the annual banquet, rounded to the nearest dollar. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion to allocate annually on a rolling basis \$1,000 to be used for incidentals without requiring steering committee approval. Motion passed unanimously.

Special Announcement

FUCC secretary Martin Mikhail passed away unexpectedly on June 15, 2026. The following was sent to the membership to announce Martin's passing.

Martin Mikhail 1982 – 2026



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Martin Mikhail. Martin served as our current FUCC Secretary and was the Florida Power and Light Treasure Coast representative.

Martin leaves behind his wife and three young children, ages seven, four, and two. Please keep his family and loved ones in your thoughts during this incredibly difficult times.

Wednesday April 8, Morning Session

9:00am – 9:30am

FUCC Officers Meeting – *Arlington & Monmouth*

Chaired by A. Mark Atkinstall, P.E., Burgess & Niple, Inc., FUCC Chair

9:30am – 10:30am

Steering Committee – *Arlington & Monmouth*

Chaired by Brian Dean, Sunshine 811, FUCC Vice-Chair

Steering Committee Attendees		
X	Chair	Brian Dean
X	Telephone/CATV/ Data Provider	Stephen Waidley
X	Power	Art Gilmore
X	Gas	Joe Sanchez, Florida Gas Transmission
X	Water	Warren Gilbreath, Hillsborough County Public Utilities
X	Sewer	Lawrence “Bud” Parker, Sarasota County Utilities
X	Governmental Utility	Kris Hayes, Lakeland Electric
X	Governmental Non-Utility	Lisa Strout, Hillsborough County Capital Programs
X	Utility Coordinator Consultant	Trisha Miller, ECHO UES, Inc. Louise Homm, ECHO UES Inc.
X	Contractor	Shayne McGlocklin, Badger Infrastructure Solutions
X	Design Consultant	Greg Plemmons, NV5
X	Utility Notification Center	Brian Dean, Sunshine 811
X	Geospatial Consultant	Chris McLaughlin, CFB Surveying/MacDriller, Inc.

Louise Hom was appointed by Chairman Dean to fill the Utility Coordinator Consultant vacancy.

Chairman’s Agenda

1. Past Meeting Updates
 - a. Polo Shirt Update
 - i. New Polos are available
 - b. Were floor banners ordered?
 - i. New floor banners received
 - c. Guest ticket price increase?
 - i. Secretary Mikhail suggested raising the guest ticket prices for meals and the banquet.
 - a. Motion to charge guest half of whatever the per-person price is for the annual banquet, rounded to the nearest dollar.
Motion passed unanimously.
2. Awards/Nominations – Stephen Waidley
 - a. New forms available that reflect latest changes to bylaws.
 - i. Revised forms posted to website
 - b. Need to push nominations throughout the meeting.
3. Conference Planning – Lori McLaughlin

- a. Where are we at for current contracts?
 - i. Spring 2026 – Hilton Ocala
 - 1. Budget \$44,000
 - ii. Summer 2026 – Hilton Marco Island
 - 1. Budget?
 - a. Budget \$51,000
 - i. F&B \$42,000
 - ii. Other costs taken from Spring budget – \$9,000
 - 2. Is this just for one year?
 - a. Currently one year. Will evaluate after August 2026 meeting
 - iii. Fall 2026-2027 World Golf Village
 - 1. Budget \$32,890 from 2025 estimate
 - a. Need to renew after Fall 2026 meeting
 - iv. Spring 2027
 - 1. Discussion on World Equestrian Center – Proposal Attached
 - a. Budget \$44,000+
 - i. F&B Minimum \$34,000 including meeting space – Will probably be significantly higher
 - ii. Other costs taken from Spring budget – \$9,000
- 4. Bylaws
 - a. Revised bylaws need to be posted to website
 - i. Now posted to website
- 5. Banquet Planning
 - a. Plans for Summer banquet?
 - i. Pirates of the Caribbean is the theme
- 6. Interest Group Meetings
 - a. Combine Power and Telecom?
 - i. Underground and Telecom currently are together
 - 1. Have separate meetings for Power and Telecom
 - a. All meet for Underground
 - ii. Will consider for future meetings
- 7. Martin's Comments
 - a. Steering Committee to discuss allocating annually on a rolling basis either \$500 or \$1000 to be used for incidentals without steering committee approval. - By Laws to be updated accordingly.
 - i. No bylaw updated needed.
 - ii. Motion to allocate annually on a rolling basis \$1,000 to be used for incidentals without requiring steering committee approval. Motion passed unanimously
 - b. Discussing FUCC accomplishments on website
 - i. Will consider at future meeting
 - ii. Historian will need to assist
 - c. Creation of an AI Subcommittee
 - i. No action
 - d. Changing the fee split:
 - i. Wednesday (\$100) and Thursday (\$150).
 - ii. No action
 - e. Guest Ticket Pricing to be raised for Banquet

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- i. See motion above

10:30am – 11:30am FUCC Subcommittee Meetings

Planning Committee – *Arlington & Monmouth*

Chaired by Mariah Mader, Duke Energy

Membership & Promotions – *Laurel, Santa Anita, & Del Mar*

Chaired by Melonie Schwartz, Bentley Group, Inc.

See attendance list, minutes, and steering committee review request below. Steering Committee will review the new member request at the Summer Meeting.

Banquet Planning Committee – Executive Boardroom, Floor 3, Room 307
Chaired by Rebecca Green-Valente, Colliers Engineering & Design

11:30am – 1:00pm **Lunch break**

Afternoon Session

1:00pm – 1:15pm **Opening Comments from the FUCC Chair – Ballroom**
FUCC Chair A. Mark Atkinstall, P.E., Burgess & Niple, Inc.

1:15pm – 1:45pm **Sunshine 811 Updates – Ballroom**
FUCC Vice-Chair, Brian Dean, Sunshine 811

1. Sunshine 811 has a new Executive Director
 - a. Michael Borg
 - i. Comes from the City of Lakeland Water Distribution
 - ii. Long time Sunshine 811 Board of Directors member
 - iii. Michael is in attendance at the meeting.
2. 2025 ticket volume was the highest annual volume ever recorded
 - a. Help reduce excess tickets
 - i. Only call in tickets when work will start in the next 30 days
 - ii. Only renew tickets when work will continue
 1. Limit scope to areas where work will continue
3. Subcontractors on tickets
 - a. Still allowed but are being discussed by Sunshine 811 BOD
4. Attend Damage Prevention Council meetings and make a difference
 - a. Sunshine811.com/DPC

1:45pm – 3:00pm **FUCC Interest Group and Subcommittee Meetings**

Telecom/Underground Interest Group – Laurel, Santa Anita & Del Mar
Chaired by Chris Plank, Comcast &
Bill Deal, Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering

Underground Interest Group **Ocala, Florida** **April 8, 2026** **Agenda/Notes**

- Opening Remarks- Bill Deal introduced himself and welcomed the group
- Self-Introductions: 64 Attendees
- Old items
 - a) No pending items
- New Items of Interest

- For discussion:
 - Discussed Jack and Bore and Direction Drilling
 - Lisa Strout, Hillsborough Co, suggested that all water and sewer projects should have SUE performed
 - Ivan Hernandez brought up leased ducts and asked who is responsible for the relocation
 - Discussed Mast Arms and how they are installed
- Bill announced that the Underground Interest Group is responsible for the Educational Workshop at St Augustine's Fall meeting on Thursday afternoon, Nov 5.
 - Please email any suggestions to bill.deal@ice-eng.com
- Next meeting will be August 5, Wednesday afternoon, 1:45pm.

Power Interest Group – Laurel, Santa Anita & Del Mar

Chaired by Chris Buonanni, FPL 3:00pm – 3:30pm

Break / Visit Sponsors' Booths

3:30pm –4:30pm

FUCC Subcommittee Meeting

Joint Use – Laurel, Santa Anita & Del Mar

Chaired by Carolyn Greenwell, Greenwell Professional Services

Joint-Use Subcommittee

St. Augustine, Florida

April 8, 2025

Agenda/Notes

- Introduction/Welcome 3:32PM
- Opening Remarks/Summary points of meeting
 - Focused on joint use coordination for utility infrastructure
 - Permit requirements and facility age considerations
 - Seven-year reimbursement eligibility
 - Coordination challenges among utilities
 - Importance of accurate subsurface utility engineering (SUE) data
 - Issues with pole attachments and joint-use agreements
- Self-Introductions: 19 Attendees
- Old items
 - a) SB818, SB567, SB462

- Senate bills passed in April 2025.
- Changes are too recent; practical effects and coordination improvements not yet evident.
- Processing reimbursement requests has added workload but remains manageable
- Significant financial and operational impact on utilities
- Facilities without proper permits may not qualify for reimbursement, even if already installed
- **New Agenda Items – Open Floor**
 - 1. State Bills & Utility Reimbursement**
 - Processing reimbursement requests has added workload but remains manageable
 - Significant financial and operational impact on utilities
 - Facilities without proper permits may not qualify for reimbursement, even if already installed
 - 2. Coordination Challenges & Joint Use Relocation**
 - Lack of coordination between utilities is causing project delays
 - Example shared where no party accepted responsibility for relocation
 - Suggestion made to use a mediator to resolve conflicts
 - Emphasis on cost savings and need for formal agreements
 - 3. Joint Use Board & Legal Determinations**
 - Joint use boards can improve decision-making and coordination
 - Case example: pedestrian bridge project highlighted joint-use challenges
 - Legal implications include fees and potential annual railroad charges
 - Utilities encouraged to form boards and clarify legal processes
 - 4. Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE)**
 - Importance of accurate and current subsurface data emphasized
 - Discussion of SUE levels and their limitations
 - Outdated records identified as a major issue
 - Need for improved data collection and documentation
 - 5. As-Built Surveys & Legal Responsibility**
 - Clarified difference between as-built records and surveys
 - Concern raised over reliance on outdated records
 - Importance of accurate data for liability and planning
 - Utilities play a key role in ensuring data accuracy
 - 6. Joint Use Coordination & Legal Changes**
 - Proposal for separating telecom and power in joint-use meetings

- Room agreed in separating meetings allows for telecom issue and power issues to have their own focus groups would provide more benefit
- Telecom litigation highlighted as a complicating factor
- Existing agreements may not support current needs
- Legislative action may be required to improve coordination

7. Pole Attachments & Coordination

- Challenges include lack of ownership clarity and documentation
- Utilities need better tracking of attachments
- Some attachments are unauthorized, requiring enforcement
- Improved coordination processes recommended

8. Future Topics & Recommendations

- Improve documentation and coordination processes
 - Address legal and regulatory barriers
 - Enhance collaboration between utilities
 - Continue discussions on infrastructure coordination improvements
- Meeting Adjourned 4:32 PM

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TTC/MOT Subcommittee – Arlington & Monmouth

Chaired by Robb Brown, Duke Energy

TTC/MOT & PERMITTING MINUTES

Date: 8th April 2026

Time: 3:30pm

Facilitator: Robb Brown / Kathy Mader-Brown

In attendance

48 Attendees

TTC/MOT

- Robb advised that the 2027-2028 MOT will be updated to include Police Presence at the Start and End of project sites in lieu of “rumble strips”.
- Presentation on “Pedestrian Safety”

PERMITTING

Attendees discussed permitting challenges with the following jurisdictions:

- **St. Lucie County** and the **City of Ocala** are requiring permits to be signed and sealed by a Professional Engineer.
- **Lake County** lacks clear and consistent requirements; published guidance on their website conflicts with actual permit review outcomes, resulting in rejections.
- **Marco Island** requires PE-signed as-builts along with geotechnical documentation, which is currently available from only one provider at a fixed cost.
- **Citrus County** is requiring permits for work within private property that is anticipated to become public.
 - Additionally, multi-use paths are being installed in areas without sufficient right-of-way for utilities and are not being constructed on both sides of the roadway in accordance with FDM 222.

Permitting – Aqueduct & Keeneland

Chaired by Kathy Mader-Brown, HDR

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Networking Event – Terrace & Pavilion (Special Event Tent on pool deck)

Hors D'oeuvres and complimentary drinks from 5:30pm – 7:30pm

****NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS ALLOWED PER OUR CONTRACT WITH HOTEL**

Thursday, April 9th, 2026 Morning Session

All sessions held in Laurel, Santa Anita & Del Mar Ballroom

- 6:00am – 8:00am** **Breakfast Buffet in Hotel Restaurant – Ticket will be provided at check-in desk 8:00am**
- Registration Desk opens**
- 8:30am – 8:45am** **2026 Spring Meeting Opening Comments & Introductions FUCC Chair A. Mark Atkininstall, P.E., Burgess & Niple, Inc.**
- 8:45am – 9:30am** **Design Build Subcommittee Meeting**
Chaired by Hank Humbert, WGI
- 9:30am – 11:00am** **FDOT Forum – DUE/DUA & FDOT Personnel**
Moderated by Patrick Overton, P.E., FDOT State Construction/Utilities Engineer
- 11:00am – 1:00pm** **FUCC Sponsored Luncheon – Palm Terrace & Pavillion**
(Special Event Tent on pool deck) - (included in registration fee)

Afternoon Session

- 1:00pm – 1:15pm** **FUCC Announcements**
FUCC Chair, A. Mark Atkininstall, P.E., Burgess & Niple, Inc.
- 1:15pm – 1:30pm** **Historian's Report, FUCC Historian, Chris McLaughlin, CFB Surveying/MacDriller, Inc.**
- 1:30 pm – 2:30pm** **Telecom Interest Group Educational Workshop, Chaired by Chris Plank, Comcast**
Florida Underground Damage Prevention and Safety Presenter: Eric Larson, MasTec
Network Solutions
- 2:30pm – 2:45pm** **Break / Visit Sponsors' Booths**
- 2:45pm – 3:30pm** **FDOT Central Office Educational Session**
Shawn Lewis & Cynthia Snelling-Perry, FDOT Central Office
- 3:30pm – 4:30pm** **General Discussion: New Telecom Bill – How's it going?**
Moderated by: FUCC Chair, A. Mark Atkininstall, P.E., Burgess & Niple, Inc.
- 4:30pm – 5:00pm** **Meet your FUCC Officers**

Friday, April 10th, 2026

All sessions held in Laurel, Santa Anita & Del Mar Ballroom

8:30am

FUCC Networking 9:00am – 11:00am FUCC Business Meeting

- Opening – **FUCC Chair**, A. Mark Atkinstall, P.E., Burgess & Niple, Inc.
- Invocation & Tribute to Flag – **FUCC Chair**, A. Mark Atkinstall, P.E., Burgess & Niple, Inc.
- Reading of the Minutes – **FUCC Secretary**, Martin Mikhail, FPL
- Treasurer's Report – **FUCC Treasurer**, Jodi Rano, SRD Engineers

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Balance Sheet

Cash Basis

As of February 28, 2026

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Bank Of America

99,638.51

PayPal

24,558.70

Petty Cash

120.00

Total Checking/Savings

124,317.21

Total Current Assets

124,317.21

Fixed Assets

Accumulated Depreciation

-1,236.00

Furniture and Equipment

2,181.90

Total Fixed Assets

945.90

TOTAL ASSETS

125,263.11

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities Credit

Cards

BOA Credit Card

-840.40

Total Credit Cards

-840.40

Total Current Liabilities

-840.40

Total Liabilities

-840.40

Equity

Retained Earnings

103,860.52

Net Income

22,242.99

Total Equity

126,103.51

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

125,263.11

Business Session

- *Sunshine 811 Report*
- *FDOT Central Office Report*

Steering Committee Approved Motions for Membership Vote – No motions presented.

- *Steering Committee – Brian Dean, Sunshine 811, **FUCC Vice-Chair***
Steering Committee Approved Motions for Membership Vote – (If a vote is required, in accordance with the by-laws, only the following Steering Committee members are allowed to vote)
- *Power – Art Gilmore, Duke Energy*
- *Telecom – Stephen Waidley, Frontier*
- *Gas – Joe Sanchez, FGT*
- *Water – Warren Gilbreath, Hillsborough County Water Resources*
- *Sewer – Bud Parker, Sarasota County Utilities*
- *Governmental-Utility – Kris Hayes, Lakeland Electric*
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- *Utility Notification Center – Brian Dean, Sunshine 811*
- *Geospatial Consultant – Chris McLaughlin, CFB Surveying/MacDriller Inc.*

Business Reports

- *Awards/Nominations – Stephen Waidley, Frontier, **FUCC Past-Chair***
- *Program Subcommittee – Mariah Mader, Duke Energy*
- *Conference Planning – Lori McLaughlin, GFY & Mariah Mader*
- *Facebook Page – Robb Brown, Duke Energy*
- *E- Business/Web Page – Lori McLaughlin, GFY*
- *UAM Review – Bryan Lantz, FP&L*
- *Bylaws Review – Brian Dean, Sunshine 811 & Chris McLaughlin, CFB Surveying/MacDriller Inc.*
- *Membership/Promotions – Melonie Schwartz, Bentley Group*
- *Telecom Interest Group – Chris Plank, Comcast*
- *TTC/Mot – Robb Brown, Duke Energy*
- *Joint Use – Carolyn Greenwell, Greenwell Professional Services*
- *Design Build – Henry ‘Hank’ Humbert, WGI*
- *Underground Interest Group – Bill Deal, Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering*
- *Power Interest Group – Chris Buonanni, FPL*
- *Banquet Planning – Rebecca Green-Valenta, Colliers Engineering & Design Solutions*
- *Permitting – Kathy Mader-Brown, HDR*

- *Utility Coordination Education – Jeanna Dean, Harbor Coordination Solutions*

New Business/Old Business

11:30am

Adjournment – Travel home safely and see you at the summer meeting!!

For the most current updates, registration, and information please visit us at: Website: www.fucc.org
Facebook: www.Facebook.com/FUCC.org
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