2017-2018 House Rural Development Council
May 15-16, 2018
Blue Ridge

Bear Claw Vineyards
2281 Tennis Court Road
Blue Ridge, GA 30513

UGA Renaissance Projects and Wine Industry Economic Development

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

12:30 – 12:35 Welcome – Co-Chairs Jay Powell and Terry England

12:35 – 1:05 Local Welcome – Donna Whitener - Mayor of Blue Ridge
Stan Helton - Fannin County Commission Chair
Christie Arp - Economic Development, State of local business

1:05 – 2:05 Speaker David Ralston; Co-Chairs –
Discussion of the RDC bills that passed the 2018 session
and action items left from last year meetings

2:05 – 2:35 Laura Meadows - UGA Carl Vinson Institute and the Renaissance Project
Danny Bivins - Carl Vinson Institute of Government
Barrie Aycock - Mayor of Clarkesville
Barbara Kesler - Clarkesville City Manager
Mary Beth Horton - Clarkesville Downtown Development Authority Director
2:35 – 3:05  Christina Ernst - VIP Southern Tours/VIP Wine Tours  
Larry Lykins - Cartecay Vineyards  
Q&A portion will include:  
Bruce Cutler - UGA Small Business Development Center Area Director  
Cain Hickey - UGA Cooperative Extension Specialist for Viticulture

3:05 – 3:20  Break

“Small cell technology’s use of, and compensation for, rights of way” (HR 1698)

3:20 – 3:45  Allen Bell - Georgia Power

3:45 – 4:10  Daryl Ingram - Electric Cities of Georgia

4:10 – 4:30  Chris Clark - Georgia Chamber of Commerce

4:30 – 5:00  Questions from Council and Adjourn

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

“Small cell technology’s use of, and compensation for, rights of way” (HR 1698)

8:00 – 8:30  Blake Doss – House Budget and Research Office; Other States that have enacted small cell technology legislation

8:30 – 9:25  Todd Edwards - ACCG  
Tom Gehl –Director of Governmental Relations, Georgia Municipal Association

9:25 – 10:20  Kevin Curtin - AT&T;  
Bob Davis – Verizon

10:20 – 10:35  Break

10:35 – 11:05  Stephen Loftin - Cable Association of Georgia

11:05 – 11:30  Questions from the Council

11:30  Adjourn

cc:  Speaker David Ralston  
Bill Reilly, Clerk of the House  
Spiro Amburn, Chief of Staff  
Tim Bearden, Deputy Chief of Staff  
House Budget and Research  
House Media Services  
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