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2017-2018 House Rural Development Council May 22-23, 2017 Agenda Tifton, Georgia

Understanding the Impact of Rural Georgia on ALL of Georgia and Broadband Challenges

Monday

- 12:30-12:45 Welcome – Co-chairs Powell and England
- 12:45-1:00 Council Charge – Speaker David Ralston
- 1:00-1:45 Local Welcome – Julie Smith, Mayor of Tifton; Pete Pyrzenski, Tifton City Manager; Local Chamber of Commerce; Grady Thompson, Tift County Comm. Chairman; Mark DeMott, Colquitt County Commissioner; Jimmy Kitchens, Coffee County Commissioner; and Steve Taylor, Ben Hill County Comm. Chairman
- 1:45-2:45 Georgia Statistics and Trends – Sharon Kane, Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development; Matt Hauer, Carl Vinson Institute of Gov't.
- 2:45-3:00 Break
- 3:00-3:45 Trouble in God's Country – Charlie Hayslett
- 3:45-4:30 Perspective from Below the Gnat Line – Dr. David Bridges, President ABAC
- 4:30-5:00 Questions for Presenters and Council Discussion

Cont.

cc: Speaker David Ralston
Bill Reilly, Clerk of the House
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Tuesday

- 8:00-8:45 Current Look at Broadband in Rural Georgia – Eric McRae, Carl Vinson Institute of Gov't
- 8:45-10:00 Challenges and Hurdles for Broadband Delivery – Stephen Loftin, Cable Association; Windstream, Bettye Willis, VP Gov't Affairs; and Kevin Curtain, AT&T
- 10:00-10:15 Break
- 10:15-11:00 Rural Broadband Initiatives in Other States – Blake Doss, House Budget and Research
- 11:00-11:45 Council Discussion and Moving Forward
- 11:45 Adjourn – Safe Travels Back Home

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