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May 15-16, 2018
Blue Ridge

Bear Claw Vineyards
2281 Tennis Court Road
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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
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