

West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition Meeting Report Tuesday, December 9, 2014

- **Opening** This meeting of the West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Rachel Kester. The meeting was held at the Clinton County Resource & Education Center, Mill Hall. The meeting was preceded by a holiday party.
- Present The meeting was attended by: Rachel Kester, Rebecca Holler, Kathleen Lavelle, Alan Dakin, Kelly Williams, Carl Undercofler, Joe Hoy, Ken Undercoffer, Lydia Whipple, Terry O'Connor, Bill Beacom, Scott Koser, Mick McKay and Joyce McKay.

Information and Discussion Items

- Item 1: Introductions: All meeting participants introduced themselves and the group they were representing.
- Item 2: The minutes of the September 9, 2014 meeting were distributed. No changes were needed.
- Item 3: Mary Ellen Olcese, River Network, joined the group by phone and presented information on River Network's Online Assessment Tool for Watershed Groups. This online survey tool allows watershed groups to track their growth and learn more about what tactics work best to grow their organization. The online survey is in-depth and designed to be completed multiple years to see the growth of the organization. More information and a link to the assessment tool are available at <u>www.rivernetwork.org/status-report-survey</u>.
- Item 4: Rebecca Holler, Trout Unlimited, updated the group about an upcoming change to the WBSRC website and email system. WBSRC members should visit <u>www.wbsrc.com</u> to see these new updates. The WBSRC will also soon have a Facebook page. Members are encouraged to like us!
- Item 5: Rachel Kester, Trout Unlimited, updated the group about upcoming grant deadlines. Anyone wishing for assistance developing a grant proposal can contact Rachel at rkester@tu.org. The group is reminded that funding opportunities are posted on the WBSRC website at www.wbsrc.org/funding-sources.html
- Item 6: Watershed updates were provided by those present on behalf of the organization(s) that they represent.
- The next meeting of the WBSRC will be March 10, 2015 at the Clinton County Conservation District. This is a change in the usual meeting schedule to allow the holiday party to be hosted in Clearfield County next year!