



**West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition  
Meeting Report  
Tuesday, June 11, 2019**

**Opening** This meeting of the West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition was called to order at 6:31 pm by Rachel Kester. The meeting was held at the Clearfield County Conservation District, Clearfield, PA.

**Present** The meeting was attended by: Rachel Kester, Kelly Williams, Willie Null, Bill Hellier, Terry O'Connor, Ken Undercoffer, Mick McKay, and Joyce McKay.

**Information and Discussion Items**

Item 1: Introductions: Those present introduced themselves and stated the group(s) they represent.

Item 2: The minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting were distributed and reviewed. There were no additions or corrections.

Item 3: Rachel Kester, Trout Unlimited, provided an AMD funding and policy update and reminded the group of upcoming grant deadlines. Rachel shared information with the group regarding state budget negotiations and the concern that legislators are looking at possible cuts to Growing Greener and the Keystone Fund to help balance the budget. She shared a link to Trout Unlimited's "Action Center" that provides information about these potential cuts and allows folks to easily reach out to their state representatives to express their concerns. The action alert can be found at: <https://www.tu.org/conservation/action-center/?vsrc=%2Fcampaigns%2F66330%2Frespond>.

Rachel also shared fact sheets and other information from the PA AML Campaign regarding reauthorization of the federal Abandoned Mine Land Fund. The last time SMCRA was reauthorized was in 2006, and it is set to expire in September of 2021. The PA AML Campaign has been working with agencies and other stakeholders to get a bill introduced as soon as possible that would reauthorize the fund for an additional 15 years and make some additional changes to the program. The PA AML Campaign has asked that WBSRC members review the resolution passed out at the meeting, and if so inclined, sign and send it back to Andy McAllister at the Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation. Rachel should also be notified if your group or organization signs on to the resolution. More information can be found at: <http://amlcampaign.wpcamr.org/>.

Item 4: Watershed updates were provided by those present on behalf of the organization(s) that they represent.

The next meeting will be held in September. More information will be provided when it gets closer to the meeting date.