

West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition Meeting Report Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Opening

This meeting of the West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition was called to order at 6:30

pm by Rachel Kester. The meeting was held at the Clinton County Conservation District.

Present

The meeting was attended by: Tom Clark, Terry O'Connor, Bill Beacom, Joe Hoy, Ann Donovan, Mick McKay, Joyce McKay, Rachel Kester, Rebecca Holler, Kelly Williams, Ken Undercoffer, Josh

Glace, Art Rose, Delores Rose, and Rich Wykoff.

Information and Discussion Items

- Item 1: Introductions: All meeting participants introduced themselves and identified the group they were representing.
- Item 2: The minutes of the December 9, 2014 meeting were distributed and reviewed. No changes were noted.
- Item 3: The speaker for the evening was Tom Clark of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission. Tom provided an overview of the AMD work that is being completed in the West Branch Susquehanna watershed by the SRBC, as well as, discussed the upcoming Year 1 and Year 2 studies to be completed on the West Branch in 2015 and 2016. He also reminded the group that water quality data can be retrieved and/or uploaded to the SRBC's Mine Drainage Data Portal and Water Quality Data Portal. These online databases can be accessed online at http://gis.srbc.net/. Anyone with questions or data to add to the Mine Drainage Data Portal should contact Tom Clark at tclark@srbc.net.
- Item 4: Rebecca Holler, Trout Unlimited, reminded the group that she is available to help plan and implement educational events. She noted that her schedule for this spring is already filling up so groups who would like her assistance for spring events should contact her soon. Rebecca is available year-round to help with education events and can be reached at rholler@tu.org or (570) 748-4901.
- Item 5: Rachel Kester, Trout Unlimited, updated the group about upcoming grant deadlines. The group is reminded that funding opportunities are posted on the WBSRC website at http://www.wbsrc.org/funding-sources.html. Anyone wishing to submit a grant opportunity for the website or needing assistance finding or applying for grant funding should email Rachel at (rkester@tu.org).
- Item 6: "Round-the-table" watershed updates were provided by those present on behalf of the organization(s) that they represent.

The next meeting will be held on June 9, 2015 in Clearfield County at the Curwensville Lake Recreation Area.