

Sheffield Agricultural Commission  
May, 27 2021 – APPROVED

\*This meeting was held remotely via conference call.\*

Present: Jim Kelly, Amelia Conklin, Kathy Orlando, Bob Kilmer, Holly Aragi, and Rev. Jill Graham from the public

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

The meeting was convened in order to hear about an urgent initiative of the South Berkshire Rural Food Access Network. Jill Graham explained that there is need for food assistance in southern Berkshire County, especially since the beginning of the pandemic. Food assistance would reach families through the local public schools, and would continue throughout the summer. The project involves many local organizations including Berkshire Bounty, Berkshire Grown, local churches, and others. As there is a significant amount of locally grown produce being donated to the program, Jill thought that the Ag Com would have a vested interest in supporting this collaborative effort.

A motion was made by Amelia C. to donate \$500 to Berkshire Bounty to support the locally produced food being contributed toward this effort. It was seconded by Kathy O. It passed unanimously. Jim K. abstained.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm. The next meeting will be June 15, 2021 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amelia Conklin