

Hard Winter Wheat Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Wheat Quality Council

February 22, 2024

8:00 am, Embassy Suites Olathe Kansas

Meeting was called to order by chairman Mark Hodges.

Welcome and opening Comments given by Dave Green and Mark Hodges.

Review of the 2023 minutes and agenda items for 2024 meeting – Mark Hodges

Nomination and election of new members – Mark Hodges, Acting Chair – Michael Peters moved to elect the board as stated for 2024. Seconded by Brian Walker. Motion passed.

Dave Green spoke about the process of getting new individuals onto the boards and encouraged any interested parties to reach out to him for future consideration.

Announcing Board for 2024 - Mark Hodges

Chairman	Shawn Thiele	Kansas State University
Vice Chairman	Gang Guo	Ardent Mills
Secretary	Kevin Klobberdanz	Grain Craft
Member	Scott Baker	Bay State Milling
Member	Rhett Kaufman	USDA/ARS

Overview of Wheat Tours – Dave Green, WQC

- Hard Winter Wheat Tour will be held May 13-16, 2024.
- Comments provided about the wheat tour opportunities for new and young people in the industry to see wheat crops in the field and really understand what's happening. Wheat tours are also a great opportunity to network and learn from others in the industry.

Overview of Milling of Wheat Samples at KSU - Paul Blodgett, KSU Manhattan

- Milling started on October 16th, 2023, and finished on November 8th, 2024.
- Milled 28 samples
 - Average flour moisture was 13.2%
 - Average flour ash was 0.54%
 - Average flour protein was 12.13%
 - Questions and discussion on higher than expected starch damage on the samples.

Wheat Quality Council HRW Report for 2023 – Rhett Kaufman, USDA/ARS Manhattan

- Discussion on current and upcoming retirements through USDA and current structure of responsibilities.
- 28 entries across two grow-out locations in 2023.

- 14 Bake lab collaborators in 2023. USDA/ARS is always looking for more collaborators so please reach out if interested.

Review of 2023 Wheat Crop – Royce Schaneman, Plains Grains Inc.

Grow Out Program for Hard Winter Wheat – Marla Barnett, Limagrain

Soft Wheat Update – Dave Green, WQC.

- Byung-Kee Baik was unable to make the meeting this year. Dave announced the upcoming meeting in Wooster OH.

State Crop Reports 2023 Crop Conditions –

- Texas – Jackie Rudd – TX Wheat
- Oklahoma – Mike Schulte, Oklahoma Wheat Commission
- Kansas – Aaron Harries, Kansas Wheat Commission
- Nebraska – Royce Schaneman, Nebraska Wheat Board
- Colorado – Brad Erker, Colorado Wheat
- South Dakota – Reid Christopherson, SD Wheat Commission
- Montana – Sam Anderson, Montana Wheat and Barley Committee

Financial Report – Dave Green, WQC

- No new money reported but enough in the budget for 2024.
- Hard Winter Wheat Budget is approved for this year.

Exhibitor Sessions:

- Short overview from each of the exhibitors in attendance this year.
- Midland Scientific, Perkin Elmer (soon to be Perten), Neo-Spectra, KPM Analytics, CW Brabender

Adjourned at 9:55 am