

# Hard Winter Wheat Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

## Wheat Quality Council

February 19, 2025

8:00 am, Embassy Suites Olathe Kansas

Meeting was called to order by chairman Shawn Thiele.

Welcome and opening Comments given by Dave Green and Shawn Thiele.

Review of the 2024 minutes and agenda items for 2025 meeting – Shawn Thiele

Nomination and election of new members – Shawn Thiele Chairman – Scott Baker moved to elect the board as stated for 2025. Seconded by Reuben McLean. Motion passed.

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

Announcing Board for 2025 – Shawn Thiele

Chairman	Gang Guo	Ardent Mills
Vice Chairman	Kevin Kloberdanz	Grain Craft
Secretary	Scott Baker	Bay State Milling
Member	Rhett Kaufman	USDA/ARS
Member	Josh Reasoner	ADM Milling

Motion to accept election of Officers- Motion by Rich Kendrick-GPAL, second by Bart Bender-Ardent Mills.

Overview of Wheat Tours – Dave Green, WQC

- Hard Winter Wheat Tour will be held May 12-15, 2025.
- 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 – Shawn Thiele gave the report for Paul Blodgett, KSU Manhattan

- Milling started on October 29th, 2024, and finished on November 5th, 2024.
- Milled 23 samples. Samples were tempered to 16.5% moisture for 24 hrs.
  - Average flour moisture was 14.35%
  - Average flour ash was 0.51%
  - Average flour protein was 11.59%

- Average Extraction was 74.97%
- Questions and discussion on lower than expected starch damage on the samples. Last year's samples were high starch damage,
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#### Wheat Quality Council HRW Report for 2024 – Rhett Kaufman, USDA/ARS Manhattan

- Discussion on current and upcoming retirements through USDA and current structure of responsibilities.
- 10 Programs 23 entries across two grow-out locations in 2024.
- 16 Bake lab collaborators in 2024. USDA/ARS is always looking for more collaborators so please reach out if interested.

#### Review of 2024 Wheat Crop – Royce Schaneman, Plains Grains Inc.

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

#### Soft Wheat Update – Byung-Kee Baik, USDA/ARS, Soft Wheat Quality Council

- Announced the upcoming meeting in Wooster OH. March 18, 2025

#### State Crop Reports 2024 Crop Conditions –

- Texas – Jackie Rudd – TX Wheat
- Oklahoma – Mike Schulte, Oklahoma Wheat Commission, Aaron Harries read the report for Mike Schulte
- Kansas – Aaron Harries, Kansas Wheat Commission
- Nebraska – Royce Schaneman, Nebraska Wheat Board
- Colorado – Brad Erker, Colorado Wheat
- South Dakota – Reid Christopherson, SD Wheat Commission-Absent from meeting, no report.
- Montana – Max Cederberg, Montana Wheat and Barley Committee

#### Financial Report – Dave Green, WQC

- No new money reported but enough in the budget for 2025. Membership stable.
- Hard Winter Wheat Budget is approved for this year.

#### Exhibitor Sessions:

- Short overview from each of the exhibitors in attendance this year.
- Midland Scientific-Katy Gondring, Neo-Spectra- Seth Bryan, CW Brabender/Anton Paar-Katie Caten, TAS Inc- Kathleen Trivette

Adjourned at 9:55 am. Move to adjourn Brian Heffron-King Milling, Second- Vance Lamb, Ardent Mills

Minutes by-Kevin Kloberdanz Grain Craft