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**SUMMARY OF EX PARTE MEETING BETWEEN U.S. WHEAT ASSOCIATES AND
MEMBER HEDLUND**

4/29/2022

U.S. Wheat Associates Attendees:

- Dalton Henry, Vice President - Policy
- Michael Anderson, Market Analyst
- Daniel Elliott, Legal Counsel

Surface Transportation Board Attendees:

- Karen Hedlund, Board Member
- Charles Vance, Attorney Advisor

Meeting Summary:

USWA introduced itself. There was a discussion about the wheat industry and how important rail service was to it. Member Hedlund asked about fertilizer availability which was addressed by the USWA group.

USWA discussed how poor rail service could impact exports. Generally, the export pace is a struggle right now and is affecting humanitarian shipments.

USWA noted it was grappling with issues like distance to a switch for its mainly rural locations.