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**(Neb.)-UNWRD Names New General Manager**

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(Chadron)- During a regularly scheduled board meeting May 9, the Upper Niobrara White Natural Resources District (UNWNRD) Board of Directors approved the hiring of Patrick O'Brien as the new General Manager. O'Brien will begin his duties in Chadron July 8, 2013 replacing Lyndon Vogt who will be General Manager of the Central Platte Natural Resources District in Grand Island beginning June 1, 2013.

O'Brien has worked in the water resources field for 25 years, the majority of which has been with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. For the last four years, he has been the NRD / NDEQ Liaison for the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts. During his career, O'Brien has worked with multiple federal, state and local agencies to address natural resource concerns.

O'Brien graduated from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln in 1988 with a Bachelors degree in Agriculture and Natural Resources. Pat and his wife, Kendra, have 3 children and currently live on a farm south of Lincoln.