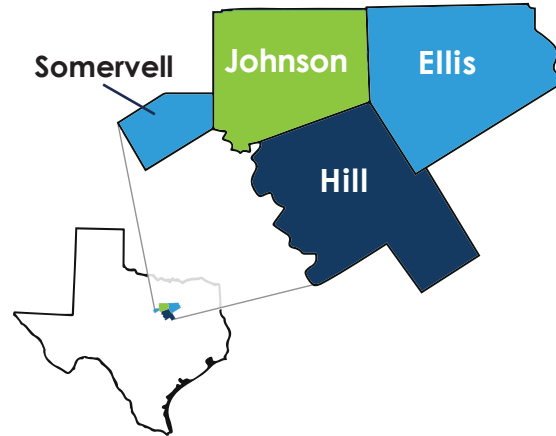


## Who We Are

The Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District was created in 2009 by the 81st Texas Legislature with a directive to conserve, protect and enhance the groundwater resources of Ellis, Johnson, Hill and Somervell Counties in Texas. The District was created in response to a finding by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality that critical groundwater shortages were expected in the four-county area over the next 25 years.

The mission of the District is to develop rules to provide protection to existing wells, prevent waste, promote conservation, provide a framework that will allow availability and accessibility of groundwater for future generations, protect the quality of the groundwater in the recharge zone of the aquifer, ensure that the residents of Ellis, Hill, Johnson, and Somervell Counties maintain local control over their groundwater, respect and protect the property rights of landowners in groundwater, and operate the District in a fair and equitable manner for all residents of the District.

## Board of Directors



The District's Board of Directors consists of eight members who are appointed by the county commissioners' courts for four-year terms. There are two members on the Board for each of the four counties in the District. These are unpaid positions. The District's Board of Director Meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Monday of each month, unless otherwise noted. These meetings are open to the public. Meeting agendas and information are posted on the District's website.

## Education and Outreach

The WET, or Water Education Trailer, is a FREE mobile classroom featuring exhibits and demonstrations about rainwater harvesting, indoor water conservation tips, pollution prevention, how a water well works, and a working aquifer model! The presentations in the WET meet TEKS standards and provide STEM-based learning activities.

Since the development of the WET in 2015, over 10,000 adults and children have toured the trailer. The WET is available for elementary, middle, and high school classes, teacher development, community events, meetings, and workshops. We are happy to tailor the presentations and curriculum to your specific needs. Please contact us to schedule a visit!



Water Well Monitoring and Management



Protect New and Existing Water Wells



Education about Groundwater and Conservation Issues



Joint Planning and Regional Water Management



Perform Aquifer Characterization, Mapping, and Modeling Studies



Develop Rules and Management Plans to Conserve Groundwater



## Frequently Asked Questions

### How does the District manage groundwater?

The District operates in a fair and equitable manner through a management plan and rules designed to prevent waste, collect data, plan for future resources, and educate the public and well owners about water conservation and aquifer protection.

### How are District rules made and who is the District accountable to?

The Board of Directors adopted initial permanent rules on December 17, 2018, and any additional amendments are made as needed through an open and transparent process including public comment, formal hearings, and board approval. The District is accountable to its constituents, elected officials, and regulatory agencies.

### How does the District protect my property value?

The District protects property values by preserving and enhancing the quantity and quality of groundwater for future generations. Through a system of well spacing rules, minimum tract size requirements, and the District's Desired Future Conditions, the competition between water wells is reduced.

### How is the District funded?

The District is funded through fees that were authorized in its enabling legislation. The current fee amounts can be found by visiting our website. An example of some of the fees are as follows:

- Water Well Registration Fee
- Operating Permit Fee
- Groundwater Use Fee
- Groundwater Transport Fee

### How does the District use its revenues?

All District revenues go toward its operations:

- Registering water wells
- Conducting scientific and technical research on groundwater resources
- Educating the public about groundwater issues
- Responding to concerns and questions from the public and local/state officials
- Developing and enforcing a management plan



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## Conserving, Protecting, and Enhancing Groundwater Resources

