

**PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
NOVEMBER 26, 2018**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to all interested persons in Ellis, Hill, Johnson, and Somervell Counties, Texas:

That the Board of Directors of the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District (“District”) will hold a public hearing, accept public comment, and may act to adopt the permanent District Rules regulating water wells within the boundaries of the District, including Ellis, Hill, Johnson, and Somervell Counties, Texas. Prior to its adoption of these permanent rules, the District operated under its Temporary Rules for Water Wells, initially adopted by the District’s Board of Directors (“Board”) on November 15, 2010. The proposed permanent District Rules include without limitation the following: (1) classification of wells and applicable requirements for each type of well based on size, capacity, purpose of use of groundwater, and date of drilling; (2) requirements for registration and/or permitting of water wells, including Historic Use Permits and Operating Permits, and application requirements related thereto; (3) well metering, fees, and reporting requirements for registered or permitted wells; (4) well location, spacing, completion, and minimum tract size requirements, and the process for seeking exceptions to any such requirements; (5) pumping reductions and other aquifer management measures to be implemented as necessary to meet desired future conditions for an aquifer or layer of an aquifer within the District; (6) requirements specific to wells owned or operated by retail public utilities; (7) enforcement policy and penalty schedule, including administrative and civil penalties for a violation of District Rules; and (8) hearings processes and procedures relating to permits and amendments to permits, rulemaking, enforcement, and desired future conditions. These proposed permanent District Rules, along with any other changes to the proposed rules, may be considered and adopted without further notice or hearing based on comments received at the hearing. The Board may act at the hearing or at a hearing or meeting at a later time or date.

**This hearing will be held on Monday, November 26, 2018, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the Cleburne Conference Center located at 1501 W. Henderson, Cleburne, Texas 76033.** Any person who desires to appear at the hearing and present comment or other information on the proposed adoption of permanent District Rules may do so in person, by legal representative, or both. Comments may be presented verbally or in written form. Limits may be placed on the amount of time that each person is allowed to present verbal comments. Persons interested in submitting written comments on the proposed amendments may do so by sending any such comments to P.O. Box 3128, Cleburne, Texas 76033. The Board may act to adopt the rules as proposed or with additional changes based upon comments and discussion at the hearing. The hearing posted in this notice may be recessed from day to day or continued where appropriate.

The public hearing is available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance to attend the hearing, please contact the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District at (817) 556-2299 at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing.

A copy of the proposed permanent District Rules may be requested by email at [stephanie@prairielandsgcd.org](mailto:stephanie@prairielandsgcd.org), is available for reviewing or downloading at [www.prairielandsgcd.org](http://www.prairielandsgcd.org), and may be reviewed, inspected, or obtained in person at the District office located at 205 S. Caddo Street, Cleburne, Texas 76033. For more information, contact the District’s General Manager, Jim Conkwright, at (817) 556-2299.