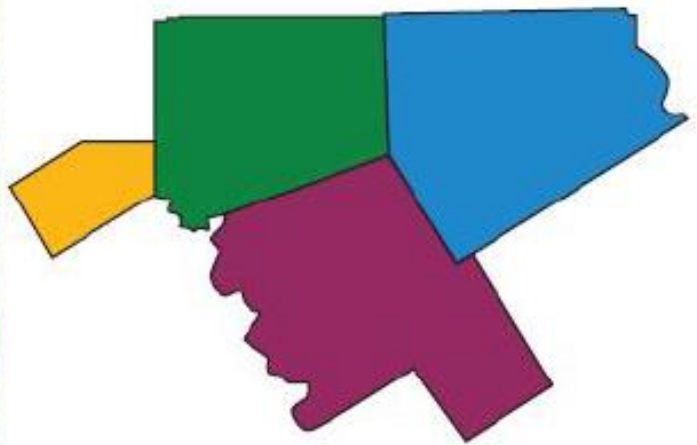




# PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

ELLIS • JOHNSON  
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Conserving, Protecting & Enhancing  
Groundwater Resources

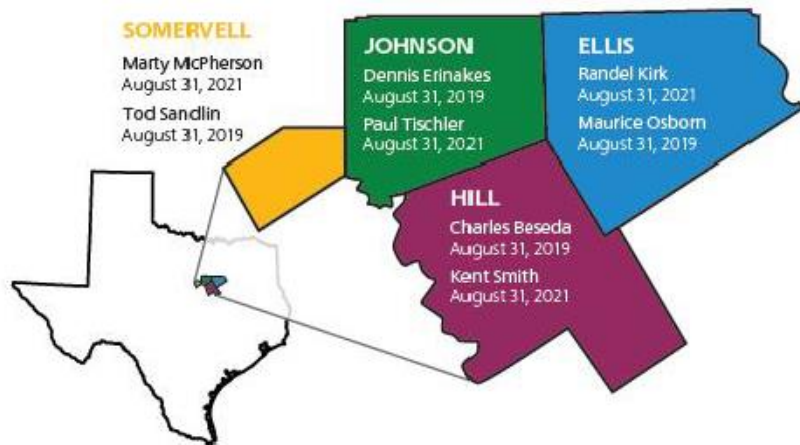
## WHO WE ARE

The Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District conserves, protects and enhances groundwater resources in Ellis, Johnson, Hill and Somervell counties.

The District was created in response to a finding by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality that critical groundwater shortages were expected in the 4-county area over the next 25 years. Enabling legislation for the Prairielands GCD was passed in 2009.

## DISTRICT STRUCTURE

The District has an 8-member board of directors, 2 from each county, who serve with no pay. They are appointed to 4-year terms by the commissioners' courts of each county.



## WHAT WE DO

The District is operating through temporary rules while the science necessary to draft permanent rules is being developed. A management plan also is being developed.

District responsibilities include the following:

- Registering water wells
- Educating the public about groundwater and conservation issues
- Responding to concerns and questions from the public and local/state officials

## WHAT WE DO (CONTINUED)

- Conducting scientific and technical research on the aquifers underlying the District, primarily the Trinity and Woodbine Aquifers
  - Collecting information on how much water is being pumped from the aquifers
  - Evaluating water level declines in aquifer layers
  - Performing aquifer characterization, mapping, and modeling studies
  - Building a database of water wells in the District
  - Evaluating projected growth in water demands and pressures on groundwater supplies to meet those demands
- Developing rules to conserve and manage groundwater resources

### TRINITY AND WOODBINE AQUIFERS

Outlined in Red



## DISTRICT WATER EDUCATION TRAILER

The District is committed to raising public awareness of groundwater, aquifers, water conservation, and water pollution prevention which is why the Water Education Trailer (or WET) was launched in October of 2015.

With a staff of two, the WET can travel to all parts of the four-county area to present FREE education programs and presentations about the District, its mission, and water topics to schools or community groups.

Programs can be scheduled at (817) 556-2299. There is no fee for visits with the WET.



## DISTRICT FUNDING

2009-2012	2012-Present	2012-2014	2014-2017	2016-2017	2017-2018
District created by Legislature; board appointed; developed & adopted Temporary Rules & first District Management Plan; began water well registration program; created District geodatabase	District developed ongoing aquifer water level monitoring program	District conducted technical studies of local aquifers & groundwater use, & developed regional groundwater availability model for use in developing Desired Future Conditions for aquifers	District developed & adopted Desired Future Conditions for aquifers as part of Groundwater Management Area 8 joint planning process	District conducts technical studies on water well interference & adopts 2-acre minimum tract size requirement	District development & adoption of permanent District Rules establishing permitting system to achieve Desired Future Conditions, as mandated by Legislature

# HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The District is currently conducting technical studies and developing a management plan, and will seek public comment as draft documents are available. Public input on the management plan will be considered and incorporated as appropriate.

Notice of public comment periods will be provided on our website.

We invite your input in several ways:

**EMAIL:**

[info@prairielandsgcd.org](mailto:info@prairielandsgcd.org)

**FAX:** 817.556.2305

**POSTAL DELIVERY:**

P.O. Box 3128  
Cleburne, TX 76033

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** [prairielandsgcd.org](http://prairielandsgcd.org)

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