

### ***History***

The primary concern of the residents of this area of the State regarding groundwater is the potential contamination of the groundwater from leaking oil and gas wells. For this reason, the residents introduced legislation in the 70<sup>th</sup> Regular Legislative Session (1987) for creation of the District. In November 1987, the residents confirmed the district and also voted to fund the district operations through local property taxes. It became an active district on November 1, 1988. On January 2, 1989, the district adopted a 10-year Management Plan and in February 1989 adopted Rules and By-Laws which became effective March 6, 1989. The District rules were amended on March 6, 2000 and our current rules were amended on August 4, 2004.

In May of 2000, a petition signed by landowners residing outside the district was submitted to the District board of directors. This petition requested annexation of the territory in Tom Green and Concho Counties not currently in a groundwater district and all of Runnels County. Following proper notice and hearings on the petition, the District board adopted an annexation resolution on March 7, 2001 and called for an election to be held to ratify the annexation on May 5, 2001. The annexation was ratified by a vote of 225 for and 189 against.

The District is governed by a seven member locally elected Board of Directors - two members from Concho County, two members from Runnels County, two members from Tom Green County, and one member-at-large from the District as a whole. Elections are held every two years. The directors serve staggered four year terms - the directors from Concho and Runnels Counties are elected in one election and the directors from Tom Green County and the director at-large are elected in another. By having a Local Board of Directors, the District is very responsive to voters' approval or disapproval of the local management of their groundwater and/or the services provided by the District.