



# NCORPE ANNUAL REPORT – 2018

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## Details on the operation of the project:

The Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement Project (NCORPE) was created to help satisfy the water needs of the Republican River Compact and the Twin Platte NRD's (Natural Resource District) Integrated Management Plan. When needed, the project pumps water into nearby streams and rivers to meet those needs. The general operation supports those goals. The large tract of land, which is needed to pump the required water, must be maintained and managed in order to be good stewards to the taxpayer.

## The amount of water pumped:

No water was pumped for augmentation in 2018. Only a small amount was pumped for maintenance and testing.

## The amount of land leased and for what purposes:

**Row crop** – 1,000 acres

**Cattle grazing** – 9,440 acres

**Facilities** – One shop, two storage buildings, nine grain bins, one feedlot facility, two houses

## The amount of revenue gained from land leases:

In 2018: \$285,540.20 total.

\$163,588.32 from row crop leases, \$108,076.88 from grass leases, and \$13,885.00 from facility leases.

## The amount of payments made in lieu of taxes:

2017 payments were considered property tax payments. An amount of \$252,546 was paid in 2018. In 2018, the NCORPE board approved a policy to pay in lieu of taxes for future years.



## Financial details of the project:

- 💧 The amount of debt: \$92,203,314.68 (source: 12/31/18 financial statement)
- 💧 The amount of outstanding bonds and loans: \$92,203,314.68 (source: 12/31/18 financial statement)
- 💧 The project budget: \$9,824,040 (source: 2019 fiscal budget)

## Whether the project is achieving its intended purpose:

Yes, NCORPE continues to keep the NRDs and the State of Nebraska in compliance with multiple agreements.

## The effect of the project on ground water supplies:

Water levels have seen substantial increases since augmentation water has not been pumped since 2017.

## Projections for the use of the project in the future and the effect of its use on ground water supplies:

NCORPE's pumping is based on projections for water supply needs by states and the NRDs. Although things can change rapidly, there is a high probability that NCORPE will not need to pump augmentation water in 2019.

*\*2018 (This report was completed for the first time in December 2018. Subsequent yearly reports will be completed in April of the following year to coincide with Republican River Compact projections. The next report will be completed in April of 2020.)*