

## 2020 ANNUAL MEETING CANCELED

As a safeguard against COVID-19, the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Members of Star Telephone Membership Corporation has been canceled. On September 1, 2020, Star's Board of Directors met and after careful consideration unanimously voted to cancel this year's meeting. The meeting was scheduled for Saturday, November 14, 2020 at Bladen Community College in Bladen County.

With the continued uncertainty and health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, it is unclear whether the cooperative could legally conduct a large meeting while observing the recommended social distancing guidelines. This decision was made to protect the health and safety of our members and employees. The cancellation of this year's meeting was not taken lightly and seen as necessary given the current circumstances and guidance from health care officials.

"We certainly recognize that our members and employees look forward to our Annual Meetings each year. The Annual Meeting of Members is a vital part of the cooperative and the cooperative's governance" said Jeff Nethercutt, Star TMC's Executive Vice President and CEO.

With the cancellation of the meeting, the three board members whose terms are expiring this year will carry over until the meeting in 2021. These directors will run for a two year term next year, instead of three years, to continue the staggered nature of the board's terms. Six directors will run in 2021: the three whose terms would expire this year and three whose terms expire in 2021.

Our next Annual Meeting will be held in Clinton, NC on November 13, 2021 at the Sampson Agri Exposition Center. We will miss seeing our members in November, but we are always here for you and striving to provide you with all your telecommunications needs.

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