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## NOVEMBER

Paul Bunyan Communications Board of Directors conducted its monthly meeting on November 8, 2019. Also present were CEO and General Manager Gary Johnson, CFO Dave Schultz and Administrative Assistant Kalsie Vanasse.

- Financial reports, delinquent accounts, member lists, and other service reports were reviewed and approved.
- The CEO updated the Board on our voice, video, and data services. He provided customer counts and highlights related to our various lines of business and services. He discussed current and completed construction.
- The CFO reviewed various long-term debt refinance opportunities. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried approving the recommended refinancing strategy as presented.
- The CEO and CFO provided an update regarding health insurance premiums, deductibles, and premiums and other benefit information.
- Network Operations Manager Rob St. Clair presented the 2020 construction plans.
- The management team joined the meeting to discuss recommendations for short and long-term priorities and strategies.
- Technology Experience Manager Leo Anderson provided a recap of the 4th annual GigaZone Gaming Championship that was held Saturday, November 2. More than 4,000 attended our growing, tech-focused event.
- The CEO gave his monthly report. He reviewed meetings he attended and upcoming meetings. He gave an update on the construction of the Grand Rapids customer service and technology center and also Bemidji Technology Park improvements.

## DECEMBER

Paul Bunyan Communications Board of Directors conducted its monthly meeting on December 9, 2019. Also present were CEO and General Manager Gary Johnson, CFO Dave Schultz and Administrative Assistant Kalsie Vanasse.

- Financial reports, delinquent accounts, member lists, and other service reports were reviewed and approved.
- The CEO updated the Board on our voice, video, and data services. He provided customer counts and highlights related to our various lines of business and services. He discussed the negotiations for renewal of the TV Franchise agreement in the Grand Rapids market.
- The CFO Dave Schultz and management team presented the proposed 2020 budget. After review and discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the 2020 budget as presented.
- Network Operations Manager Rob St. Clair reviewed bids for fiber optic cable for 2020 construction. The purchase was included in the proposed 2020 budget. After review a motion was made, seconded and carried to approve management recommendation to purchase cable from the low bidders as presented.
- Attendees were designated to attend the Minnesota Telecom Alliance (MTA) Annual Convention March 9-11, 2020 in Minneapolis.
- CEO of Pinnacle Marketing Group Shelly Geerdes joined the meeting to provide an update on current trends, opportunities, and challenges at Pinnacle.
- The CEO gave his monthly report. He reviewed meetings he attended and upcoming meetings. He shared topics for the upcoming Strategic Planning meeting.



## INTRODUCING GIGAZONE BLAST WITH WIFI 6 TECHNOLOGY

The world's most powerful Wi-Fi is now available locally! GigaZone Blast Wi-Fi with Wi-Fi 6 technology is now available to all locations within the GigaZone.

GigaZone Blast Wi-Fi leverages the all-fiber optic network of the GigaZone to deliver gigabit speeds wirelessly throughout a home or business with coverage up to 3x greater than Wi-Fi 5. The GigaZone Blast Wi-Fi 6 router also provides increased data capacity and significant improvements in latency – up to 75% lower for gaming and video streaming.

“Wi-Fi technology has evolved rapidly and not only will Wi-Fi 6 technology provide more speed and reach farther, but it also improves performance when there are multiple devices connected to the network” said Leo Anderson Jr., Paul Bunyan Communications Technology Experience Manager.

In addition to the increased speed, security, and coverage, GigaZone Blast Wi-Fi also provides peace of mind. The cooperative installs and maintains the GigaZone Blast router and our local technical support team is right here to help keep it working worry free throughout the year.

As the Internet provider with the largest and fastest all-fiber optic network in the region, our cooperative is providing wired Internet service at very high speed. That speed, however, can be dramatically impacted by a wireless router. Older routers may not be able to handle the higher speed Internet you are receiving. GigaZone Blast Wi-Fi ensures you are getting the best possible wireless connections in your home or business.



## Paul Bunyan Communications PICK-IT BOWL CHALLENGE WINNERS

Paul Bunyan Communications is excited to announce the winners of the 5th Annual Pick-It Bowl Challenge, a free online contest for participants to pick the winners for the 2019 College Bowl games for a chance to win a credit on a Paul Bunyan Communications account.



Mike Hoffman  
Bemidji

**1st PLACE**  
**\$500 CREDIT**



Fred Luckerth  
Park Rapids

**2nd PLACE**  
**\$250 CREDIT**



Laurie Weese  
Deer River

**3rd PLACE**  
**\$100 CREDIT**

## UPGRADE & EXPANSION PLANS GIGAZONE COMING TO THE REMAINDER OF COHASSET AND BLACKDUCK

### CURRENT SERVICE AREA NETWORK UPGRADES

Every year since 2004 our cooperative has been upgrading portions of our current service area from the older copper based network to our new, all-fiber optic network the GigaZone. It's work that takes a lot of time and investment, but we are excited that this immense project is almost completed. 2020 upgrade construction will include all the remaining locations of Blackduck and Cohasset not already reached by previous upgrade work. Once these upgrade areas are operational, 99% of the cooperative's current service territory will be served by our all-fiber optic network and have access to the additional GigaZone services it can provide!

### EXPANSION

The cooperative started expanding into new competitive service areas in 1999 with the overbuild of Bemidji and we've continued to expand each year to bring broadband Internet services to those without it and increase our

membership base. Past expansion projects have included Bemidji, Cohasset, Grand Rapids, Cass Lake, Lake George, LaPrairie, Park Rapids, Coleraine, Big Falls and other rural areas of Itasca, Hubbard, Beltrami, and St. Louis Counties.

### 2020 EXPANSION

This year the cooperative will expand further into areas on the Leech Lake Reservation and in the Pennington area to the east of Cass Lake and north of Hwy 2.

### 2021 EXPANSION

Recently the cooperative also received a Broadband Grant from the State of Minnesota's Border to Border Grant Program to expand to an additional 1,353 locations in parts of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation and rural portions of Cass, Itasca, Koochiching and St. Louis counties. Construction in these areas will start in 2021 with services expected to be available by spring of 2022.

**TO FIND OUT IF YOU ARE IN AN UPGRADE OR EXPANSION AREA, GO TO [www.paulbunyan.net/gigazone/availability-map/](http://www.paulbunyan.net/gigazone/availability-map/) AND ENTER YOUR ADDRESS**



## 2020 YOUTH TOUR ESSAY CONTEST

Area High School Students age 16 to 17 are encouraged to enter the Paul Bunyan Communications Essay Contest for a chance to attend the 2020 Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. June 6-10 with all expenses paid by Paul Bunyan Communications.

Students interested in attending the Youth Tour need to submit a short essay, no more than 500 words in length, on why they would like to attend the Youth Tour. Students must be 16 or 17 years of age and in high school with their parent/guardian a member of Paul Bunyan Communications.

Entries can be dropped off at the Paul Bunyan Communications office in Bemidji or Grand Rapids, or they can be mailed to:

**Paul Bunyan Communications Essay Contest**  
**1831 Anne St. NW**  
**Bemidji, MN 56601**

### THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS FRIDAY, MARCH 6

The trip features a comprehensive overview of the telecommunications industry, including careers in telecom, the critical role telecommunications plays in rural America, and how legislative and regulatory decisions affect the industry. The tour allows youth to meet with members of Congress who represent rural constituents. They also participate in educational sessions about the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Students visit some of the nation's most historic sites, including Mount Vernon, the Smithsonian Museums, and a beautiful night tour of Washington D.C.

This is the 25th consecutive year that Paul Bunyan Communications has participated in sending a local high school student to the Youth Tour.



Congratulations to Ben Solem and Tucker Coombs who are both recent Hockey Hot Shots winners! Ben made his winning shot from center ice at a Grand Rapids Thunderhawks game while Tucker made his during a period intermission at a BSU Beavers game.



**Ben Solem (left) with Chuck Hildebrandt**  
**Grand Rapids, MN**



**Tucker Coombs**  
**Shevlin, MN**

