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### MEMORANDUM

**From:** Brad Solon, Building Official

**To:** Rapid City Planning Commission

**Date:** February 13, 2009

**Subject:** Name a portion of unnamed right-of-way Merillat Lane

This request is to name a portion of un-named right-of-way located east of the recently named Merillat Lane and adjacent to Biernbaum Subdivision.

This road provides access to four businesses currently. The businesses have been using South Highway 79 as their address. However, due to reconstruction and the development of the frontage road by the South Dakota Department of Transportation, the businesses no longer have direct access from the highway. Growth Management Staff received complaints from the Emergency Services Communication Center staff regarding the lack of road names and street signs in the area resulting in delays in emergency responses.

This proposal would require the four businesses to change their addresses. Staff contacted the property owners via mail and has spoke with three of the property owners via telephone. Masco Builder Cabinet group, formerly Merillat Particle Board Plant, objected to the name. Cretex expressed a preference for a more generic name and not the name of a business or product.

The policy has been to extend the road name from the adjacent portion of road. In this case, that would result in the Merillat Lane name be extended on this portion of road right-of-way. However, the road name was only recently identified as part of the platting of adjacent land. However, at this point in time no one is currently using the Merillat Street address. The Planning Commission has the option of re-naming the entire road or of extending the Merillat Lane name.



EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Staff has received no comments on the proposed Merillat Lane name from the Emergency Services Communication Center staff, Rapid City Fire Department staff and the Police Department staff.

**(Update, February 13, 2009. All revised and/or added text is shown in bold). Staff spoke with Cretex, Merillat, and Pacific Hide and Fur. Pacific Hide and Fur will be unaffected since they prefer an address off Biernbaum Lane. Cretex and Merillat will coordinate the choice of an acceptable name and present that name to staff by March 20, 2009.**

**RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that this item be continued to the March 5, 2009 Planning Commission meeting to allow the landowners to identify a possible street name for re-naming the entire roadway.**