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### MEMORANDUM

**From:** Brad Solon, Building Official  
**To:** Rapid City Planning Commission  
**Date:** February 26, 2009  
**Subject:** Name a portion of unnamed right-of-way Merillat Lane

**(This memo has been updated as of February, 26, 2009. All changes are shown in bold).**

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, and 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 extending the Merillat Lane name.



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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.

**Staff spoke with Cretex and they proposed the name "Culvert Street". This would require that the existing portion of roadway currently named Merillat Lane be renamed. Currently no business is using this street name as part of an address. Staff contacted Merillat Industries staff and they have not yet responded. Pacific Hide and Fur will be unaffected since they will be using an address off Biernbaum Lane.**

**RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that this item be continued to the March 26, 2009 Planning Commission meeting to allow all landowners to review the proposed road names.**