

STAFF REPORT

January 25, 2001

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**RNC #00RD005 - Resolution changing the road named  
East 53rd Street to Reservoir Road**

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

PETITIONER	City of Rapid City
REQUEST	<b>RNC #00RD005 - Resolution changing the road named East 53rd Street to Reservoir Road</b>
LEGAL DESCRIPTION	Section Line Highway known as East 53rd Street/Reservoir Road that provides access to properties located in Sections 34 & 35, T2N, R8E; Sections 2, 3, 10, 11, 14, 15, 22, 23, 26 & 27 of T1N, R8E, BHM, Pennington County, South Dakota. Said Section Line Highway that begins at the intersection of Lamb road and East 53rd Street and runs straight north for a distance of 5 and one half miles which is located in Sections 34 & 35, T2N, R8E; Sections 2, 3, 10, 11, 14, 15, 22, 23, 26, & 27 of T1N, R8E, BHM, Pennington County, South Daktoa
PARCEL ACREAGE	N/A
LOCATION	Extending north from the intersection of Lamb Road and East 53rd Street
REPORT BY	Bill Lass

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the resolution changing the road named East 53rd Street to Reservoir Road be approved.

GENERAL COMMENTS: **This Staff Report has been revised as of 1/16/01. New or revised text is shown in bold print.** This proposed resolution will change the official road name of East 53<sup>rd</sup> Street/Reservoir Road to "Reservoir Road." Currently this 5.5 mile long roadway has two street names. The roadway is named as East 53<sup>rd</sup> Street south of where it intersects with East Highway 44. North of East Highway 44, the roadway has some segments named as "Reservoir Road" and other segments named as "East 53<sup>rd</sup> Street." It should be noted that based on the address grid, the proper designation for this roadway would be East 55<sup>th</sup> Street. However, fewer property owners are affected through renaming the roadway to Reservoir Road. There are approximately 160 property owners along the entire 5.5 mile length of the roadway and approximately fifty of these owners will be affected by this renaming. Although the roadway is located outside of the City limits it is located within the three-mile platting jurisdiction and its renaming requires approval of both Pennington County and the City of Rapid City. In November the Pennington County Commission approved a resolution to rename the roadway to "Reservoir Road." As part of the County renaming process, all affected property owners were notified. Once the City has concurred in the renaming of the

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roadway, the Pennington County Highway Department will change all affected street name signs.

STAFF REVIEW: The purpose of the renaming to "Reservoir Road" is to eliminate the long-time confusion caused by multiple street names for this same roadway. Confusion regarding street names can cause problems ranging from minor issues such as interruptions in mail service to more serious problems such as confusion for emergency response vehicles. Further, renaming the roadway as Reservoir Road will avoid some of the confusion associated with using the improper numerical designation. **This renaming request was continued at the January 4, 2001 Planning Commission meeting to allow Staff to notify all affected property owners. This notification has now been completed. As of this writing, Staff has not received any input regarding the proposed road renaming.**