

AGENDA COVER MEMO

DATE: January 22, 2003 - 1st Reading
March 19, 2003 - 2nd Reading & Public Hearing

TO: Lane County Board of Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Public Works, Land Management Division/Surveyor's *KREzell*

PRESENTED BY: K. Robert Ezell, Lane County Surveyor

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: ORDINANCE NO. PA 1184 / IN THE MATTER OF NAMING AN
UNNAMED PRIVATE ROAD, IRIS HILL LANE (19-05-25 & 26)

I. MOTION:

**FOR JANUARY 22, 2003: THAT THE FIRST READING AND SETTING SECOND
READING AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR MARCH 19, 2003 AT 1:30 P.M. FOR
ORDINANCE NO. PA 1184 BE ADOPTED NAMING AN UNNAMED PRIVATE ROAD,
IRIS HILL LANE.**

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II. ISSUE:

To decide whether to adopt Ordinance Number PA 1184 naming an unnamed private road, located north of Lorane and extending westerly off of Territorial Highway in Section 25 and 26, Township 19 South, Range 5 West of the Willamette Meridian.

III. DISCUSSION:

A. Background:

The Lane County Surveyor's Office of the Department of Public Works has received a valid application signed by Richard D. Boyles and Pamela Frye landowners of an unnamed private road.

The private road is 30 feet wide and approximately 1.30 miles in length. The road begins at a point approximately 0.44 miles northwest of the intersection of Hamm Road and Territorial Highway and extends westerly off the Territorial Road.

Lane County Surveyor's staff recommended that the applicant choose a name for the road having just one word, in order to comply with the naming criteria as outlined in Lane Manual Chapter 15.020 (3)(a) "Name limited to maximum of 12 letters and one word." The applicants, however, are requesting that an exception be made. They have written a letter, dated September 5, 2002, listing the following reasons why it should be named Iris Hill Lane:

- The name does not lend itself to being combined in a single word name. Irishill could easily be construed as Irish ill.
- The name is descriptive of the surroundings. Each spring our hillsides are covered in wild Oregon Iris.
- The name coincides with the name of our vineyard and tree farm located on the property.
- Use of the name will aid the public in locating the vineyard and a planned future winery on the site.
- No alternate name fits the circumstances.
- The name otherwise meets County standards for name length and usage.

Notice of this proposed name "Iris Hill Lane" was sent to Lane Council of Governments, City of Eugene, U.S. Postal Service, "911" Communication Service Center and various county and other public agencies having an interest in road names. Lane County Transportation Planning commented that Lane Manual Chapter 15.020 (3)(a) limits road names to one word, and the other agencies either had no objection or did not comment on the proposed name.

Because the applicant only had one choice for a name, the Surveyor's office is presenting an Ordinance with the requested name of "Iris Hill Lane" to the Board of Commissioners for their consideration and approval or denial.

B. Analysis:

Chapter 15 of the Lane Manual provides a process for the naming and renaming of roads within the County. An application for naming or renaming of a road may be made by the property owner(s) or persons living along the road, by any public or semi-public agency whose function is affected by road names, or by the Board of Commissioners.

The private road currently serves three residences, each being more than a half-mile from Territorial Highway but having a Territorial Highway address. Approving the road naming request would provide a more identifiable address for the public, emergency vehicles, and other service carriers in locating the property.

The proposed name meets all the naming criteria listed in Chapter 15 of the Lane Manual, except for 15.020(3)(a) "Name limited to...one word." Although the Lane Manual states that the road name should be one word, there are numerous roads in Lane County that have two or more words in their name.

The applicant has met all requirements to name this road and has paid a naming fee of \$100.

Following appropriate notice and a public hearing, the Board has the authority to name this private road.

C. Alternatives/Options:

The Board of County Commissioners has the options to:

1. Support the naming of the unnamed private road, Iris Hill Lane.
2. Propose a new name for the road and proceed with the usual road naming process for the new name.
3. Continue the naming proceedings for further discussion.
4. Discontinue the naming proceedings.

D. Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board support Option Number 1, naming the private road, Iris Hill Lane.

No objections to the proposed name have been received from any of the various county and public agencies that the notice was sent to, except for the fact that the name has more than one word. The general public will benefit by this action in that emergency and mail delivery vehicles, as well as the public, will be able to locate property by a distinct road name and address.

E. Timing:

Timing is important, as the Lane County Home Rule Charter requires that there be at least 13 days between first and second readings of the Ordinance.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION/FOLLOW-UP:

The County Surveyor will provide notice of the road name proposed by this ordinance and the date and time scheduled for the public hearing.

V. ATTACHMENTS:

Letter from Richard Boyles and Pamela Frye
Ordinance No. PA 1184
Attachment "A" - Map of Proposed Road Name Change

Contact Person: Bob Ezell x3626

ORIGINAL

Iris Hill

Pamela Frye and Richard Boyles



Board of County Commissioners
% Peggy Hunter
125 E. 8th Avenue
Eugene, OR 97401

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LANE COUNTY SURVEYORS

September 5, 2002

Re: Request to name a private road Iris Hill Lane

Dear Commissioners:

We are requesting that you approve the use of the name Iris Hill Lane for a private road in Lane County near Lorane. Staff has advised us that current county policy allows staff approval of one-word names of twelve letters or less. Use of two word names requires the approval of the Board of Commissioners.

Why approve any private road name at this location?

Current addressing of the property served by the private road is confusing. The private road serves three homes. Each has a Territorial Highway address, however none of the homes have frontage on Territorial Highway. Each is more than a half mile from Territorial. Naming of a private road would facilitate more rational addressing of these properties and enhance the ability of emergency services personnel to identify correct locations.

Why approve the name Iris Hill Lane?

Our request is based on the following circumstances:

- The name does not lend itself to being combined in a single word name. Irishill could easily be construed as Irish ill.
- The name is descriptive of the surroundings. Each spring our hillsides are covered in wild Oregon iris.
- The name coincides with the name of our vineyard and tree farm located on the property.
- Use of the name will aid the public in locating the vineyard and a planned future winery on the site. (Iris Hill wines are currently produced in Eugene at a rented facility and marketed locally.)
- No alternate name fits the circumstances.
- The name otherwise meets County standards for name length and usage.

We respectfully request that you approve the name Iris Hill Lane for our private road.

Sincerely,

Richard Boyles & Pamela Frye

**IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON**

ORDINANCE NO. PA 1184

) **IN THE MATTER OF NAMING AN**
) **UNNAMED PRIVATE ROAD, IRIS HILL**
) **LANE (19-05-25 & 26)**

WHEREAS, the Lane County Surveyor's Office has received a valid application signed by the landowners of this private roadway, requesting that said roadway be named Iris Hill Lane; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the road to be named at this time; and

WHEREAS, Lane County has jurisdiction for the naming of this private road; and

WHEREAS, the private road in Section 25 and 26, Township 19 South, Range 5 West of the Willamette Meridian, begins at a point on Territorial Highway, and runs in a westerly direction approximately 1.3 miles in length; and

WHEREAS, the road currently serves as access to three residences, a vineyard, and a tree farm; and

WHEREAS, the proposed name, Iris Hill Lane, meets all the criteria in Lane Manual Chapter 15, except for 15.020(3)(a) "Name limited to...one word"; and

WHEREAS, authority was granted to Lane County by ORS Chapter 215, Lane Code Chapter 15 and the Lane County Home Rule Charter regarding procedures and requirements relating to the naming and renaming of roads in Lane County; and

WHEREAS, legal notice has been provided in accordance with Lane Manual 15.025; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2003 the Lane County Board of Commissioners conducted the First Reading of this Ordinance, and on March 19, 2003, conducted the Second Reading and held a public hearing to consider the road naming ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County ordains as follows:

1. That the private road as described above and shown on Attachment 'A', attached hereto and made a part hereof by this Ordinance, is hereby named Iris Hill Lane.
2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

ENACTED this _____ day of _____, 2003

Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners

Recording Secretary for this Meeting of the Board

ATTACHMENT "A"

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