

# LINN COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

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## Board of Commissioners

From: Stacey Whaley, Parks Director

Date: November 28, 2023

Re: Resolution and Order 2023-416

The following item(s) are scheduled to be heard on December 5, 2023:

Resolution & Order 2023-416: The Lyons-Mehema Water District is requesting an easement across the property at John Neal Park. The Lyons-Mehema Water District is replacing an undersized and aging steel potable water reservoir on McCully Mountain. A permanent pipeline improvement connecting the dead-end waterline at the east end of Juniper Street to another dead-end waterline at the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Dogwood Street in the City of Lyons is required to enable the existing reservoir to be taken offline and replaced. During construction, the looped connection will allow water from the District's north reservoir to flow to the southern and eastern portions of the District's service area and after construction the pipeline will provide improved fire flows as well as provide additional operational flexibility. During design of the project, the District coordinated with Linn County Parks and adjusted the proposed pipeline alignment based on Parks input as well as successfully applied for an in-water-work waiver to allow construction to happen outside of the normal park camping window.

Financial Impact: None. Costs paid by Lyons-Mehema Water District.

Staff Recommendation: Approve



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## *Memorandum*

**Date:** November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**To:** Linn County Board of Commissioners

**From:** Wayne E. Mink, P.E., Roadmaster *WEM*

**RE:** PROPOSAL FOR ROAD NAME CHANGE: STELLMACHER DR, CR 0104

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The Linn County Road Department received an application requesting to change the name of Stellmacher Dr., County Road No. 104. Staff members have reviewed the provisions of Linn County Code 960.100 through 960.600 and have taken steps to comply with the requirements of LCC 960.400, *Processing Road Name Applications*.

Pursuant to LCC 960.400(E), Road Department staff notified affected departments and agencies, including emergency services. Emergency services rejected one proposed alternative name due to similarity with another road in the emergency response area. GIS department staff observed that the name change would necessitate addressing changes.

Addressing changes will create an administrative burden to agency personnel due to re-labelling maps, re-addressing affected properties, emergency services location and identification information, and similar administrative obligations incurred by the proposed name change. The owners and residents of affected properties would be responsible for managing these responsibilities for themselves with regard to re-addressing their driver licenses, banking and tax information, notifying the post office, and all other entities with an interest in corresponding with or recording their address.

Pursuant to LCC 960.400(F), Road Department staff mailed a letter to property owners holding properties served by Stellmacher Drive. Road Department staff determined that there are eight residential addresses on seven tax lots served by Stellmacher Drive. The letter notified these property owners and/or residents of receipt of the application for the name change and solicited their comments. LCC 960.400(F) states that the purpose of this provision of code is to “determine general consensus regarding the proposed name.”

Road Department staff received four letters in response, copies of which are attached hereto. All letters received are opposed to the proposal to change the name of the road. Not all letters were submitted by the deadline included in the initial letter, but were received prior to the writing of this memorandum. Of the four letters received, one (Gary Chandler and Maggie Down) appears to have a current ownership interest in a property served by Stellmacher Dr.

The Linn County Road Department recommends against changing the name of Stellmacher Dr. The proposal imposes an administrative burden on Linn County departments and other agencies that is not supported by any perceived benefit to the general public. It would create a precedent that, if followed, could lead to confusion, burdensome costs to the County and citizens, and potentially to public safety. Historical continuity with regard to the naming of public landmarks, including roads, provides a benefit to the public.

In addition to the above, the applicant does not appear to have gained consensus among all properties served by Stellmacher Dr. One property appears to offer opposition. Two properties did not respond to the applicant nor to Road Department correspondence.

We do not perceive that this proposal serves to “promote the health, safety, and welfare of the public.”

**Linn County Road Department**  
**Application To Name or Rename a Road**

**COPY**

Application to name or rename a road shall be submitted to the: Linn County Road Department  
3010 SW Ferry Street  
Albany, OR 97322

Please contact the Road Department for the associated fees at 541-967-3919 and submit with the application.

**Applicant's Name:** Robert M. Clausen  
**Address:** [REDACTED]  
Albany, OR 97321  
**Phone Number:** [REDACTED]

**Location (attach map):** Township 11S, Range 05W, Section 15

**Legal Status of Road (if known):** County (X) Public ( ) Private ( )

**Existing Road Name (if known):** Stellmacher Dr.

**Proposed Road Name\*:** Starlight Drive SW  
**Alternate #1:** Moonlight Drive SW  
**Alternate #2:** Midnight Drive SW  
**Alternate #3:** Twilight Drive SW

\* The proposed road name must comply with the following standards:

1. Name limited to a maximum of twelve letters (12) and two (2) words.
2. No duplication with other existing road names.
3. No similar sounding or confusing names.
4. The designation of roads shall generally conform to the following:
  - a. Roads running generally North-South shall be known as roads or streets.
  - b. Roads running generally East-West shall be known as drives or avenues.
  - c. Roads dead-ending 1000 feet or less from their beginning points shall be known as ways or courts.
  - d. Roads whose beginning and ending points intersect on a common road shall be known as loops.
  - e. The name of a private road shall be known as a lane.

**Reason For Request:** The Stellmacher family has sold all of their property on this road and are no longer residents. At one time they were the primary property owners/farmers on this road and likely why the name was changed from SW 30<sup>th</sup> originally when my grandfather lived here. Also, the current road name is long and has to be spelled out each and every time it has to be given out which can be frustrating. A shorter more common name without a family name will eliminate this situation in the future as properties change hands. The road was originally SW 30<sup>th</sup> Ave and that would be the preferred name again if possible.

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Property Owner Names Abutting Stellmacher Dr.	Address Map & Taxlot #	Signatures of Approval for Proposed Road Name:
Robert M. Clausen Jessie M. Clausen	[REDACTED] 11-4W-15 TL 400	[REDACTED]
Kevin C. & Marta C. Decoster Trust	[REDACTED] 11-4W-15 TL 601	[REDACTED]
Jim L. Gilmour	[REDACTED] 11-4W-16 TL 101	[REDACTED]
Lee W. Gilmour	[REDACTED] 11-4W-16 TL 100	[REDACTED]
Gary A. Chandler Trust Margaret E. Down Trust	[REDACTED] 11-4W-16 TL 501	[REDACTED]
Green Gold Ag LLC	[REDACTED] 11-4W-16 TL 500	[REDACTED]
Kenneth D. Lafayette	[REDACTED] 11-4W-15 TL 503	[REDACTED]

*Signed in wrong place*

**Additional Notes:**

The last of the Stellmacher owned property on this road is currently on the market and is listed for sale at this time. The county permitted a new house to be built in a hazelnut orchard on this road about 2 years ago, it was completed in 2021 and has been a residence for the Stellmachers for about a year. Since this property is now actively listed for sale, it is excluded from the table below (Zillow shows sale pending/ under contract as of 9/16/22). All other addresses on the road are occupied by renters.

**Names and addresses of property owners living on road:**

Robert Clausen	
Kevin & Marta Decoster	
Jim & Sue Gilmour	
Lee & Amanda Gilmour	
Gary & Maggie Chandler	

Applicant signature



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May 26, 2023

Residents and Property Owners of Stellmacher Drive  
Albany, OR 97321

RE: Proposal to Change the Name of Stellmacher Drive SW

To Whom It May Concern,

The Linn County Road Department has received an application to rename Stellmacher Drive SW. This application included signatures of approval from the majority of residents or property owners on Stellmacher Drive. Proposed alternative names for the road include the following:

- ~~Starlight Drive SW~~
- Moonlight Drive SW
- Midnight Drive SW
- Twilight Drive SW

The Linn County Road Department has submitted this application for review to agencies and departments affected by the proposed name change. Resulting from that review, Starlight Drive SW has been eliminated as a potential name due to redundancy with another road by that name within this emergency response area.

Please note that if the proposal is approved, residence addresses will have to be changed. House numbers are assigned by the Linn County Geographic Information Systems Department. Residents will need to update address information on IDs, banks, postal service, and etc.

Public comments on this matter may be submitted to the Linn County Road Department at the address below, with attention to: *Stellmacher Dr. SW Proposed Name Change*. **Public comments will be received until 5:00 P.M. on Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

Subsequent to that deadline the Roadmaster will review public comments received and will prepare a recommendation to the Linn County Board of Commissioners. That recommendation will be reviewed in a public hearing by the Board of Commissioners, and voted upon for approval or denial.

Notice of the public hearing will be posted in the Albany Democrat Herald and will be mailed to owners of all property abutting the road.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Taylor  
Right-of-Way Specialist



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## CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS STELLMACHER DR. NAME CHANGE APPLICATION

Date: November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- 10/05/2022 Application and check (\$355.00) received from (Robert) Bob Clausen to rename Stellmacher Dr.
- 01/09/2023 Check returned with a letter instructing Mr. Clausen to re-apply due to an insufficient number of property owner signatures.
- 01/27/2023 Application and check (\$355.00) received from Robert Clausen to rename Stellmacher Dr.
- 02/23/2023 Stephanie Taylor contacted the below parties for comment on the proposal to change the name of Stellmacher Dr.  
Christopher Bonn, Linn County Assessor's Office  
Benjamin Olsen, Linn County Assessor's Office  
Sean Wilson, Linn County Clerk's Office  
Shane Sanderson, Linn County Environmental/Public Health  
Brittany May, Linn County Environmental/Public Health  
Steve Barnett, Linn County GIS Department  
Alyssa Boles, Linn County Planning and Building Department  
Steve Wills, Linn County Planning and Building Department  
Curtis Norton, Linn County Road Department  
Sarah Shelton, Linn County Sheriff's Office  
Thomas Casey, Linn County Surveyor  
Dustin Stocker, Linn County Surveyor's Office  
Lora Ratcliff, Albany Fire Department
- May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Letter sent to residents and property owners of Stellmacher Dr. to notify them of the application to change the road name and to solicit comment. This letter contained information from comments received from the above people.
- June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Letter of objection Gary Chandler and Maggie Down  
June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Letter of Objection Bill and Barbara Stellmacher  
Dated June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 5:00 p.m. final time and date for submission of comments.
- Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Established December 5<sup>th</sup> date with Linn County Board of Commissioners for a public hearing.
- Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Notice of Public Hearing mailed to properties/owners contiguous with Stellmacher Dr.
- Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Notice of Public Hearing posted on Linn County Road Department website and posted in the Albany Democrat Herald.



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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The below-described application has been submitted for review to this Department. Public notice is hereby given that this application will be received by the Linn County Board of Commissioners for their review and consideration on the date and at the time indicated.

A report of comments previously received by this Department will be included in a submission to the Linn County Board of Commissioners. Additional public testimony may be provided at this public hearing.

**SUBJECT:** A public hearing on an application to change the name of Stellmacher Drive, County Road No. 0104.

**APPLICANT:** Robert M. Clausen

**REFERENCE:** Linn County Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code, Chapter 960  
*Road Naming and Addressing Code; 960.200 Application for a road name.*

**DESCRIPTION:** Stellmacher Drive is a county road located west of the city of Albany, with a functional classification of "rural local". Stellmacher Drive is a dead-end road accessed from Riverside Drive. It serves seven residential addresses and the adjacent agricultural lands.

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:** The applicant is requesting to change the name of the road from Stellmacher Drive to one of the following options: Moonlight Dr. SW, Midnight Dr. SW, or Twilight Dr. SW. An additional option of Starlight Dr. SW has been denied due to duplication with or similarity to another existing road in the emergency response area.

**PUBLIC HEARING LOCATION:** Room 200, Linn County Courthouse  
300 SW Fourth Ave.  
Albany, OR 97321

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

**STAFF CONTACT PERSON:** Stephanie Taylor; (541) 967-3919; or [staylor@co.linn.or.us](mailto:staylor@co.linn.or.us)