

Process for changing the names of lakes within the City of Eagan:

1. The petition is received and reviewed (DONE)
2. The petition is presented to the County Board (after the bond is received)
3. The County Board must, by order (resolution) set the date, time and location for a hearing on the petition (to be held more than 30 days after the order is made).
4. Petitioners Bond must be posted prior to moving the petition forward as approved by the County Attorney, in an amount sufficient to cover costs (Eagan is willing to pay).
5. Notice of the hearing must be:
 - a. Published for at least 3 consecutive weeks in the newspaper designated by the County Board as the official newspaper
 - b. Personally served on the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources; and
 - c. Personally served on the Mayor of the City of Eagan
6. At the hearing on the petition, legal voters of the county and municipalities may appear (by attorney or in person) and file an answer to the petition (if they want to contest the name changes)
7. Determination – the County Board shall hear all parties on the petition, and may make an order (by resolution) determining the names of the bodies of water described in the petition
8. If the County Board determines the two names should be changed, the order is forwarded to the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources. The Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources MUST approve of the name changes (per Minnesota Statute §83A.04)
9. Per the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources:
Approved names are subsequently submitted to the United States Board on Geographic Names for federal approval and use.
10. If they are federally approved, the orders are sent back to the Dakota County Property Taxation & Records Department for recording of the order

Estimated Costs:

Legal Notice Publication	\$414.00 (\$138.00 per publication estimated)
Legal Service on Mayor of Eagan	\$70.00 (Dakota County Sheriff fee schedule)
Legal Service on DNR Comm.	\$70.00 (Ramsey County Sheriff fee schedule)
Document Recording Fee	\$46.00 (Per state statute)

The City of Eagan will prepay estimated costs/post the “bond”