

Memorandum

City of Lawrence

Public Works Department

TO: Charles Soules, Director of Public Works
FROM: Tammy Bennett, Assistant Director of Public Works
CC: Kathy Richardson, WR/R Operations Supervisor
Date: May 18, 2010
RE: Advanced Alternative Energy Corporation item for the CC agenda

Please place the following item on a future City Commission agenda:

Receive memo from the Sustainability Advisory Board regarding request from Les Blevins to endorse further research on energy projects of the Advanced Alternative Energy Corporation. SAB does not support City involvement with this project. No further action necessary unless otherwise directed.

Background:

Les Blevins approached the City Commission and various staff persons requesting support from the City of Lawrence for further research into his invention(s) regarding biomass or waste-to-energy through gasification. The City Commission referred the item to the Sustainability Advisory Board on February 16, 2010.

Mr. Blevins met with the Sustainability Advisory Board in April 2010 regarding his project. Specifically, he requested City endorsement of the potential of his technologies (the Advance Alternative Energy Corporation Sequential Grates fuels technology) as a way to gain additional credibility for his research, and thus encourage others to invest in this research as a viable technology. Mr. Blevins shared numerous e-mails regarding his technologies and other research in the field with the board and various city and state officials.

At the May 2010 meeting, the Sustainability Advisory Board concluded the board could not recommend endorsement by the City of Lawrence for the company, products, or specific research requests.

Recommended Action:

The Sustainability Advisory Board drafted a letter for submittal to the City Commission. The letter is attached to this memo.

The recommended action is to receive the memo from the Sustainability Advisory Board regarding the request from Les Blevins to endorse further research on energy projects of the Advanced Alternative Energy Corporation. The SAB does not support City involvement with this project. No further action is necessary, unless otherwise directed.

To: Lawrence City Manager, Dave Corliss
Lawrence City Commissioners

From: Lawrence Sustainability Advisory Board

Date: May 13, 2010

Per the request received from Mayor Mike Amyx and Lawrence City Commissioners, the Sustainability Advisory Board heard a presentation from Les Blevins at the April 14, 2010 SAB meeting. The SAB cannot recommend Les Blevins' technology.