

**<Grimh Dam issue> From Sawyer County Record October 23, 2008**

The board (Sawyer County Board) reviewed an Oct. 10 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) letter concerning the agency's position on the revitalization of the Grimh Dam near Radisson.

Drafted by DNR Northern Region Director John Gozdziwski, the letter explains that any refurbishing of the Grimh Dam will require a "new dam permit," since the current structure was officially abandoned by North Central Power on June 19.

A hydro-electric dam owner, Scott Goodwin, approached Sawyer County earlier this year and detailed his interest in purchasing the structure and restoring it as a working, hydro-electric-producing dam. But as Gozdziwski writes, the permitting process "may involve an extended time frame" and must also address federal, state and tribal concerns before any work begins.

After receiving the DNR's letter, County Board Chairman Hal Helwig said he fielded a call from Goodwin, "who wasn't too happy" with the agency's opinion.