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SUBJECT: MVN-2008-01961-CD

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
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May 4, 2015

PUBLIC NOTICE

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received by the District engineer for a Department of the Army permit to authorize the following pursuant to (X) Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or () section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

PROPOSED PIER AND BOATHOUSE IN ASCENSION PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Ronald M. Depew, 17206 Summerfield So. Rd., Prairieville, Louisiana 70769.

LOCATION OF WORK: On the Amite River at 17206 Summerfield So. Rd., Prairieville, Louisiana, in Ascension Parish, as shown on the attached drawings.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to construct a 4' x 16' pier and 30' x 30' boat shed on the Amite River, as detailed in the attached plans. The pier and boat shed structure will extend a total of 46' into the waterway. No dredging and filling is required. No special aquatic sites will be affected by this project and no mitigation is anticipated.

It is presumed that the applicant has designed the project to avoid and minimize direct and secondary adverse impacts to the maximum extent practicable.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit will close **15 days** from the date of this public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit must be mailed so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be mailed to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH**. Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing or e-mailing the Corps of Engineers Project Manager listed above. Any request must be

specific and substantively supportive of the requested extension, and received by this office prior to the end of the initial comment period. The Section Chief will review the request and the requestor will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous to the initial comment period and, inclusive of the initial comment period, will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days.

Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Indian Tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The New Orleans District is unaware of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places near the proposed work. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Issuance of this public notice solicits input from the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

The New Orleans District has determined that the proposed activity is located in waters known to be utilized by the West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) and determined that the proposed activity is not likely to adversely affect the West Indian Manatee based on the Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species of Louisiana (SLOPES) dated October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office. Our initial finding is that the proposed work would neither affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Interior or, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of 0 acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of

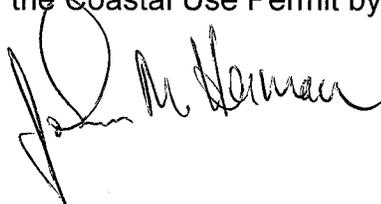
red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, before a permit is issued.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

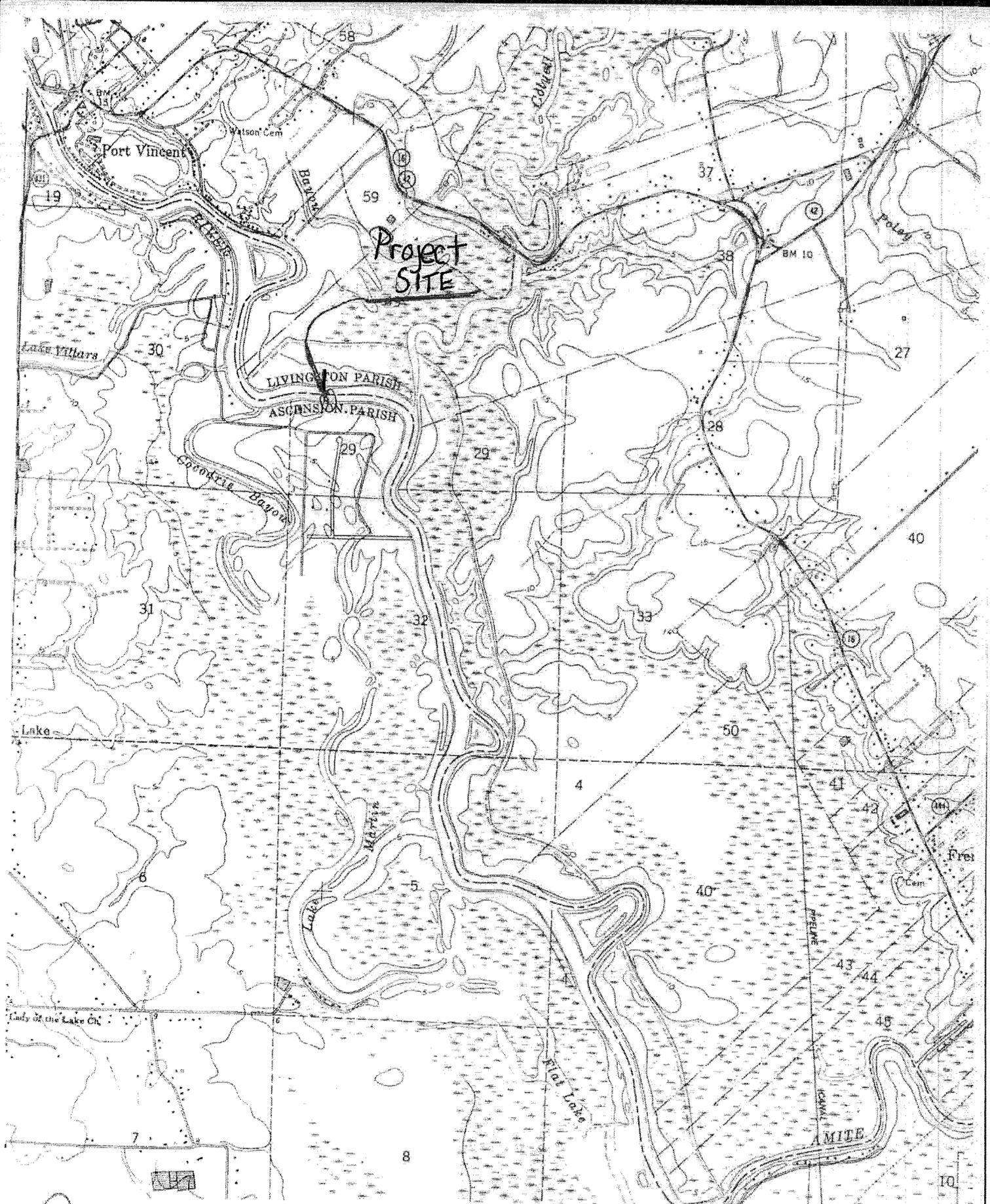
You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. The Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant received approval or a waiver of the Coastal Use Permit by the Department of Natural Resources.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Herman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "H".

JOHN M. HERMAN
Chief, Central Evaluation Section
Regulatory Branch

Enclosures



Project Location

LATITUDE 30° 19' 5.27" N

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LONGITUDE 90° 50' 4.48" W

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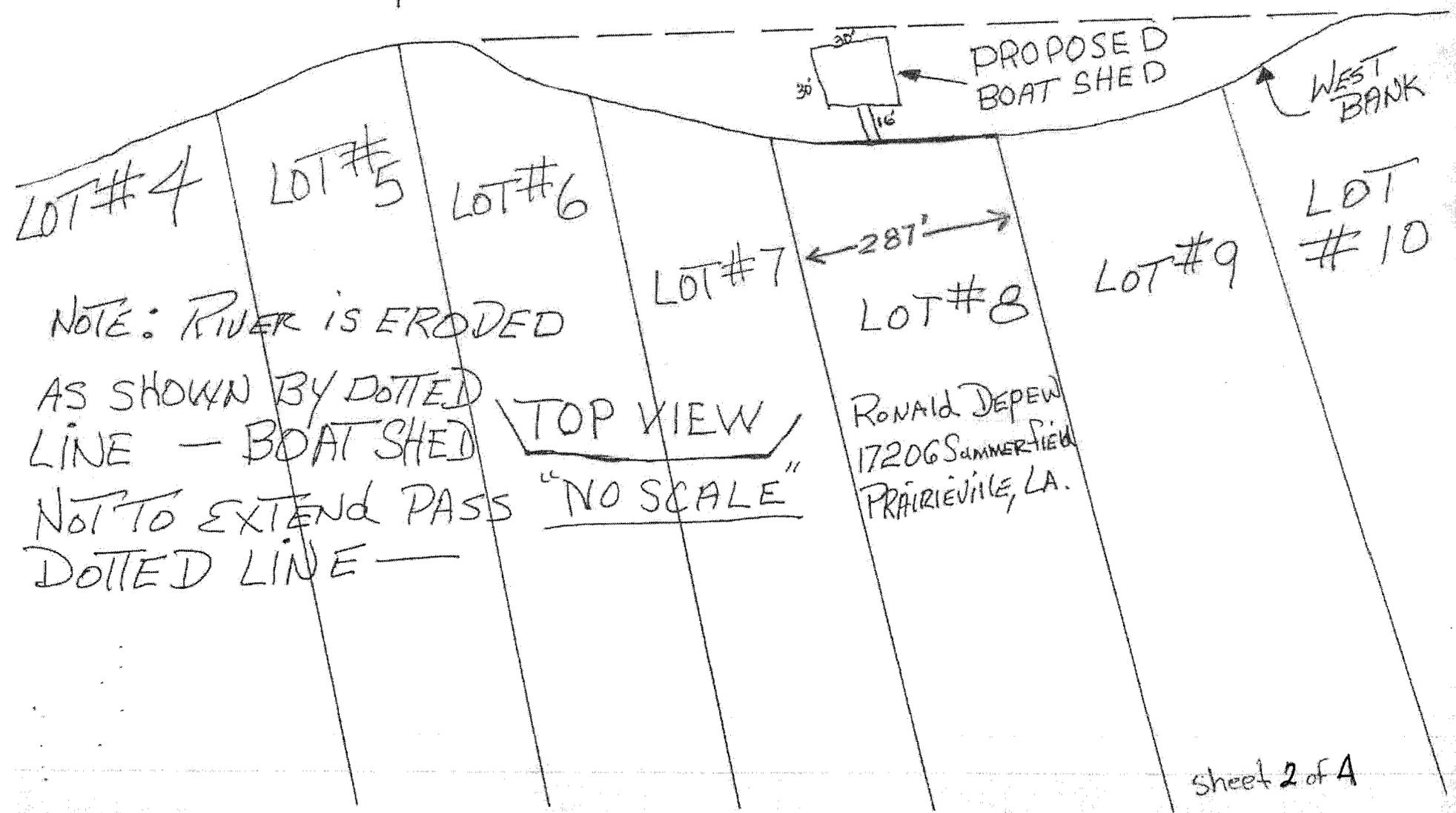
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EAST BANK

AMITE RIVER



ABOUT 600 yds.



NOTE: RIVER IS ERODED

AS SHOWN BY DOTTED LINE - BOAT SHED

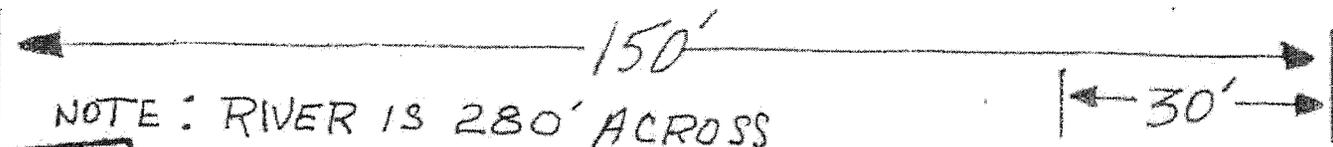
NOT TO EXTEND PAST DOTTED LINE -

TOP VIEW
"NO SCALE"

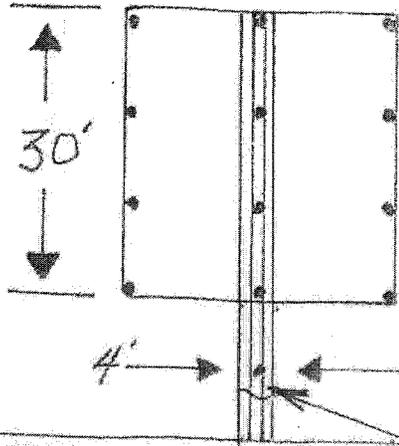
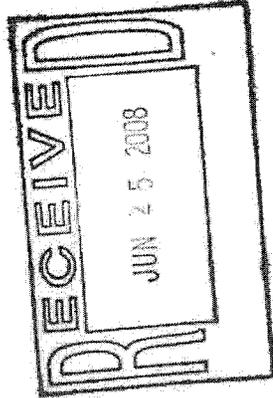
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AMITE RIVER

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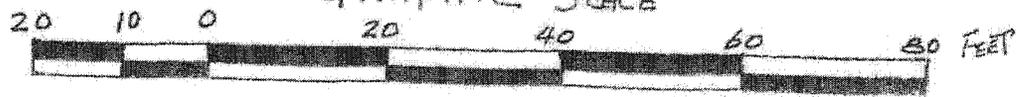
NOTE: RIVER IS 280' ACROSS
AND MAIN CHANEL CENTER
LINE IS 180' FROM LOT 8
EXISTING SHORE LINE.



PROPOSED
TIMBER
BOATCOVER
(Boat shed)

EXISTING SHORE LINE

LOT 8 SUMMERFIELD Subdivision
GRAPHIC SCALE



EXISTING Bulkhead

Proposed Walkway

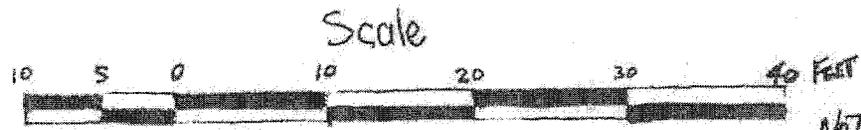
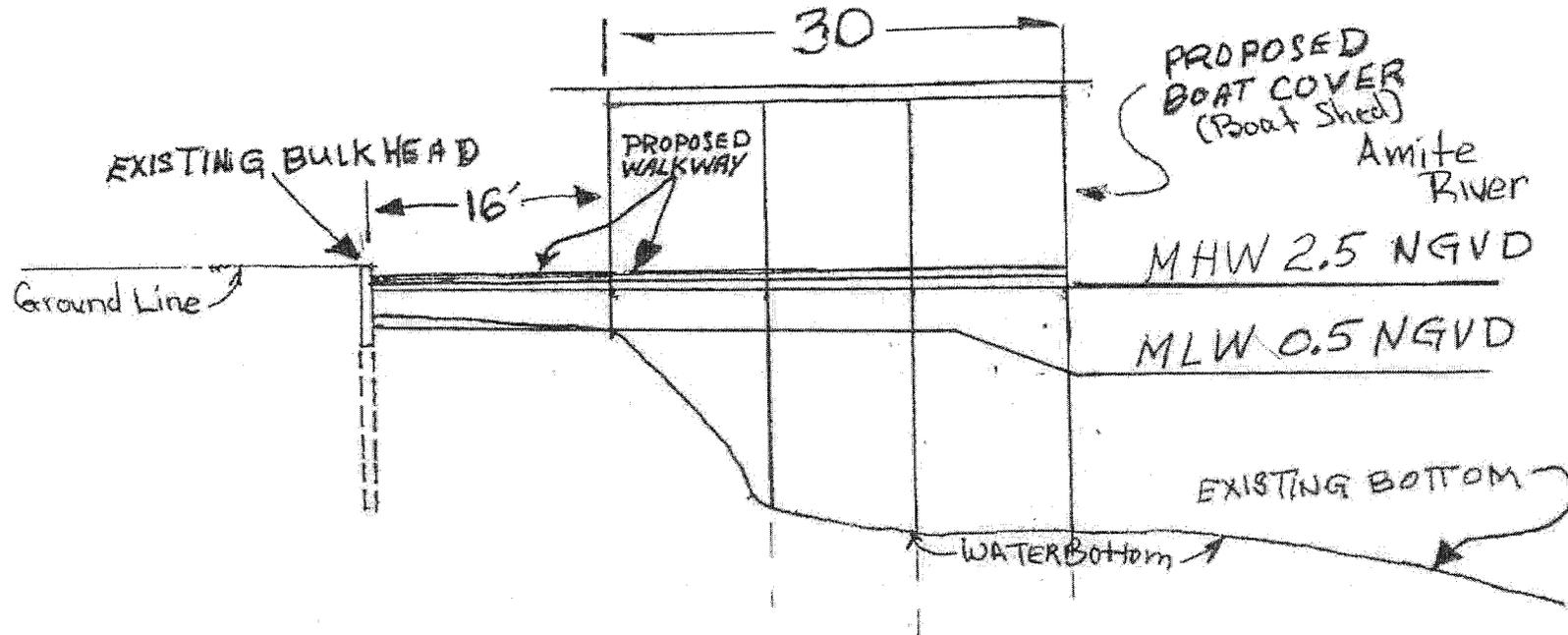
PLAN VIEW

PROPOSED BOAT COVER
IN SECTION 29, TBS-R4E
ASCENSION PRAISH

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SECTION VIEW "A-A"

PURPOSE:
PROVIDE COVER FOR
PRIVATE MARINE
VESSELS

PROPOSED BOAT COVER
IN SECTION 29, T8S-R4E
ASCENSION PARISH

NOTE: COVER DOES
NOT EXTEND
FURTHER OUT THAN
ANY OTHER EXISTING
COVERS OR WHARFS

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